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**Introduction**

Part of Mishpatim lays out a variety of categorical laws among which we find justice for foreigners, widows, and orphans; extending, loans for the poor; respect for God and more.

**Exodus 22:20-27**

**20** "Whoever sacrifices to any god, other than the LORD alone, shall be devoted to destruction. <sup>21</sup> "You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. <sup>22</sup> You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. <sup>23</sup> If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, <sup>24</sup> and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. <sup>25</sup> "If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a moneylender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. <sup>26</sup> If ever you take your neighbor's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, <sup>27</sup> for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate. (ESV)

Read what this passage instructs us to do, and that would include anyone who claims they follow the Holy One of Israel and His Son Yeshua. You will not offer sacrifices to any other god, or you will be devoted to destruction. You shall not mistreat a sojourner, a widow or orphan. If you do and they cry out to the Almighty, He will hear their cry, His wrath will burn, and He will kill those who do this. What is our society doing? Those in power are doing what they can to harm those who are poor who have come to this country seeking a new life just as our ancestors did. How many of us can point to immigrants in our family tree who came to America looking for a new start because of persecution in another country? Here we have the most powerful being in the universe saying we are to look after those who are less fortunate than we are.

Granted there are those who may come seeking to harm others living here, and we must be on guard. Shutting ourselves off from the rest of the world is not the way to do this because we already have those who are being turned against us simply by getting on to the Internet, looking for those who will listen to them, find them, listen, and get turned around.

If we lend money to the poor, we must not charge them any interest. If we take our neighbor's cloak in pledge, we must return it to them before the sun goes down. Why? Because they may need their cloak to use as a blanket. In our day and age, that would refer to those who are homeless. We should try to do what we can realizing the enormity of the problem. What are we going to do, throw the poor out into the streets? Even the electric company has compassion, do we? Does our country? Do those who have the money and the power? If these people cry out to the Almighty, He will hear them and have compassion on them. If the Holy One of Israel has compassion, are we not to imitate Him and do as He does? Are we ready to imitate the Messiah Yeshua – to the point of offering our lives for someone else to bring them face to face with the Son of the Almighty?

Come now people, what will we do? Will we sit on our hands or try to help where we can? If we do it, shouldn't we demand the same from those at the county, city, state, and federal level? Isn't it time to take back the money that we have been giving away in foreign aid from those countries that stand against us or Israel? Those that turn against Israel will have their day of reckoning. The Holy One of Israel has said so. We must walk with Him according to His ways as spelled out for us in the Torah and share the message Yeshua came to share. He taught us the Torah the way it was meant to be lived out in our lives. People, we need to want our hearts to become circumcised from hearts of stone to hearts of flesh, so He can write His covenant, Torah, on our hearts of flesh.

## **2 Kings 12:11-12**

**11** Then they would give the money that was weighed out into the hands of the workmen who had the oversight of the house of the LORD. And they paid it out to the carpenters and the builders who worked on the house of the LORD, <sup>12</sup> and to the masons and the stonecutters, as well as to buy timber and quarried stone for making repairs on the house of the LORD, and for any outlay for the repairs of the house. (ESV)

This was a time in Israel's history when the temple was falling apart because the people were not giving, and the priests were not using the money being given in the right way. When we turn our backs on the house of the Almighty, He turns away from us. In our day and age, the temple no longer stands. Nations fight one another and Israel to make sure the temple is not rebuilt. Maybe deep down inside of them they understand there is truth to be told that has been kept hidden from mankind for a long time. One day the House of the Lord will rise up once again, in the midst of the heathen nations, and the Holy One will stand by His Temple until the time comes for it to be removed because it will be necessary to do so when the New Jerusalem comes down out of heaven to take its place on the earth.

## **James (Yaakov) 1:22-27**

**22** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup> But the one who looks into the perfect Torah, the Torah of liberty, and

perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. <sup>26</sup> If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (ESV)

If you hear the word of the Holy One and do nothing, then you are deceiving yourselves. If anyone is a hearer of the word but not a doer, then it will be like looking in a mirror, seeing your face looking back at you, then the reflection begins to fade from one's memory. We forget who we are and what the Almighty expects from His people. If we consider the Torah, we find liberty and freedom because there is a way out of the entrapments of this life by persevering and not just being hearers of the word but doers. It is the doers who will be blessed if we act on His word – the Torah by the application as Yeshua applied it in love and mercy.

What is religion? Does it come from our Creator? Not if we have perverted what He gave to mankind. If we are not walking with Him, then we have travelled the road taking us away from Him. We are looking for the road less traveled. We are seeking to walk with Messiah, but will He walk with us if we have turned our backs on those who are in need? Think about it, my friends, but do not spend too much time on it because the day is growing short, and who knows what is just around the corner until it comes and bumps into us.

**Psalm 34:13** Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. (ESV)

Lashon Hara is slander, and it is the tongue that causes the most trouble, so don't you think it would be better if we thought carefully about what we would say or just keep our mouths shut. I have been on the receiving end of people talking about me or my wife without even thinking they should be talking with us. Are not believers to be able to discuss their differences with one another without resorting to name-calling, insults, etc.? That does not appear to be the way we are doing it now. Everything is out in the open, and if you do not think He is watching, then you are blinder than a bat! The Holy One sees everyone and calls to them. He wants them to follow His Son Yeshua and find the path to righteousness and redemption.

**Proverbs 27:17** Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. (NAU)

***Torah Man says: "What you can do you ought to do, and what you ought to do, by the help of God do!"***

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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