

Property and Social Responsibility - Exodus 22:1-31

Topics: Giving, Oppressed, Possessions, Quarrels, Restitution, Stealing

Open It

- * 1. How does it feel to lend a prized possession to someone and receive it back broken or damaged?
- 2. When was the first time you remember mourning a pet's death?

Explore It

- 3. What was the penalty for stealing an ox or sheep? (22:1)
- 4. In what circumstances was a person not liable for killing a thief? (22:2-3)
- * 5. The owners of destroyed fields were given restitution in what ways? (22:5-6)
- 6. What happened when valuables were lost or stolen? (22:7-8)
- 7. If there was a dispute about lost possessions, how was it to be handled? (22:9)
- * 8. If something went wrong in caring for a neighbor's animal, what was the neighbor to do? (22:10-13)
- * 9. How was restitution made for borrowed animals? (22:14-15)
- 10. How were victims of seduction to be treated? (22:16-17)
- 11. What happened to people who practiced sorcery? (22:18)
- 12. People who had sex with animals were punished in what way? (22:19)
- 13. What was the penalty for sacrificing to false gods? (22:20)
- 14. Why were strangers not to be oppressed? (22:21)
- 15. How were widows and orphans to be treated? (22:22-24)
- 16. What were the conditions for lending money to a fellow Hebrew? (22:25-27)
- 17. Who was not supposed to blaspheme God or government officials? (22:28)
- 18. How were offerings to be made? (22:28-30)
- 19. Why were Hebrews not to eat animals that had been killed by wild beasts? (22:31)

Get It

- * 20. In what ways did God protect the possessions and property of His people?
- * 21. What kinds of conflicts happen when possessions are borrowed?
- 22. Why do you think God was concerned for His people's possessions?
- 23. Why does God want us to care for widows and orphans?
- 24. What importance did animals play in the lives of the Israelites?
- 25. Why are foreigners sometimes discriminated against in our society?
- 26. Why do we sometimes treat material things with greater care than people?

Apply It

- * 27. What is a practical way you can repay someone for an item you broke or lost?
- 28. How can you help a person from another country?