

The Laws Governing Social and Moral Obligations

Exodus 22: 16–31

<p>1. <i>The law governing seduction or premarital sex</i></p> <p>a. If the woman's parents consent, the offender must marry her and pay a dowry</p> <p>b. If the woman's parents object to marriage, the offender must still pay the dowry</p> <p>2. <i>The law governing sorcerers: To be executed</i></p> <p>3. <i>The law governing bestiality: To be executed</i></p> <p>4. <i>The law governing idolatry: To be executed</i></p> <p>5. <i>The law governing strangers</i></p> <p>a. Must not oppress</p> <p>b. Reason: God's people were strangers in Egypt (the world)</p> <p>6. <i>The law governing the weak and helpless, such as widows and orphans</i></p> <p>a. Must not take advantage of</p> <p>b. The reason: God will hear their cry and judge the oppressor</p> <p>7. <i>The law governing loans to the needy</i></p> <p>a. The law</p> <p>1) Must not charge interest to the needy</p>	<p>16 "If a man seduces a virgin who is not pledged to be married and sleeps with her, he must pay the bride-price, and she shall be his wife.</p> <p>17 If her father absolutely refuses to give her to him, he must still pay the bride-price for virgins.</p> <p>18 Do not allow a sorceress to live.</p> <p>19 Anyone who has sexual relations with an animal is to be put to death.</p> <p>20 Whoever sacrifices to any god other than the LORD must be destroyed.</p> <p>21 Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt.</p> <p>22 Do not take advantage of the widow or the fatherless.</p> <p>23 If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry.</p> <p>24 My anger will be aroused, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives will become widows and your children fatherless.</p> <p>25 If you lend money to one of my people among you who is needy, do not treat it like a business deal; charge no interest.</p>
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<p>2) Must not take any pledge of security, not even a simple cloak (coat)</p> <p>b. The reason: God hears his cry and is compassionate</p> <p>8. The law governing cursing God and rulers: Forbidden</p> <p>9. The law governing offerings to God: Must not hold back</p> <p>a. To give the first fruit of the harvest</p> <p>b. To give the first-born son</p> <p>c. To give the first-born livestock: To give on the eighth day</p> <p>10. The law governing livestock killed by wild animals</p> <p>a. Must protect health (holiness)</p> <p>b. Must not eat unclean, unsafe meat</p>	<p>26 If you take your neighbour's cloak as a pledge, return it by sunset,</p> <p>27 because that cloak is the only covering your neighbour has. What else can they sleep in? When they cry out to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.</p> <p>28 Do not blaspheme God or curse the ruler of your people.</p> <p>29 Do not hold back offerings from your granaries or your vats. You must give me the first-born of you sons.</p> <p>30 Do the same with your cattle and your sheep. Let them stay with their mothers for seven days, but give them to me on the eighth day.</p> <p>31 You are to be my holy people. So do not eat the meat of an animal torn by wild beasts; throw it to the dogs.</p>
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