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LESSON 37 EXODUS 22:1-31

There are several things to remember as we go through the law.

- The judgments and instructions given will be the (basis for) the laws of the new nation. Those who will make judgments between individuals, between individuals and the community, and concerning a right standing before Jehovah, will or should use the law as the basis for those decisions.
- The judgments and instructions also represent the character and nature of the type of society and nation that God desires and demands of His people.
- While they are meant to be lasting, they also are given and written in the context of culture for that period. For Israel, they were meant to be obeyed. For the church, we may still be able to extract principles in a society and culture that are far different.

Chapter 22 continues the judgments.

1. What is the main concern of vv1-15?

- What is the main difference between v1 and v4?
- What is the main difference between v2 and v3?
- What seems to be the main issue in vv5-6 and what is the remedy?
- Vv7-15 seem to deal with property that is _____ or _____. What are the three sets of 'if' scenarios in vv7a, 10, and 14; and what are the corollary concerns?

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2. Vv16-28 seem to deal with _____ ?
- In vv16-17, what happens and who seems to bear responsibility?
 - While all of vv18-20 may not fit neatly into the first answer of question 2, what type of social/religious activities are not allowed and what is the punishment?
 - What is the basis for the command in v21?
 - With whom is God concerned in vv22-24 and how does He reflect that concern?
 - How does God reflect His concern for the poor in vv25-27?
 - What does God address in v28?
3. Vv29-31 deal with religious relationship with God. Vv29-30 speak about the _____.
- V31 speaks concerning _____. In this case how is it evidenced?

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4. How did vv1-15 cause you to think more or differently concerning borrowing, loaning or handling property?
5. How does v21 cause you to reflect concerning our country's debate concerning immigration?
6. What and how should you handle the first fruits of your goods?