

Exodus 21-24 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In Ex 22:1-17 what were some other types of damage to property (v1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 14, 16) and what were the various remedies (v2-3, 4, 5, 6, 7-9, 11, 12-13, 14-15, 16-17)?

5. Using 22:18-31 who deserved capital punishment (v18, 19, 20), what groups were to be protected, and how (v21, 22-24, 25-27)? How were rulers and God to be honored (v28-31)?

6. According to 23:1-9 what was prohibited so true justice would be upheld (v1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9)? What further justice was to be done (v4-5)? How does this apply today?

7. Looking at 23:10-19 in what 2 ways was the sabbath to be honored and why (v10-11, 12)? How else was the worship of God to be observed (v13, 14-15, 16-17, 18-19)?

8. Using 23:20-33 who would guide Israel (v20), how were they to respond, and why (v21, 24, 32-33)? What would God do for them if they obeyed (v22, 23, 25, 26, 27-30, 31)?

9. Read 24:1-11. What did God tell Moses (v1, 2) and what did he do (v3, 4, 5-6, 7, 8)? How did the people respond (v3, 7) and what happened next (v9-11)? How do you explain this?

10. From 24:12-18 what did God command (v12) and what did Moses do (v13, 15, 18)? What were the elders to do (v14) and how were they affected (v17)? What did God do (v16)?

11. Review Ex 21-24. What promises did God make (23:20-33) and what were the premises (21-23:19)? What does all of this reveal about God (24)?

Scripture to Remember

“Be on your guard and do not mention the name of other gods, nor let them be heard from your mouth.”

Exodus 23:13 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Radical Resolutions-Part 4

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share with the group about one resolution or goal that you have successfully achieved. What enabled you to do that?
2. What were some things possibly hard for Joseph to understand? What about in your life? Why was he able to accept them anyway, and how can *you* apply this?
3. Compare the “Serenity Prayer” and Phil 4:11-13. How did Paul (and we) “learn to be content” or accept things? How and when do we decide to change things? Be specific.
4. Why is it important to realize that faithfulness is a fruit of the Spirit? Why must faithfulness be seen in little things before it is demonstrated in big things (Lu 6:10)?
5. Talk about why these things cause bitterness—what people do to us, say about us, and take from us. What does bitterness do (Heb 12:15) and how do you resist it?
6. Share which of the 8 resolutions—to swim upstream, to ask God for a dream, to embrace difficulty, to practice God's presence, to never give up, to accept what you can't understand, to be faithful, to not let bitterness grip your heart—you need to make now, and why. Pray for each other to be able to carry this out.
7. Discuss anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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Premises and Promises

Introduction to Exodus 21-24



God birthed a nation through suffering to save the world.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

We are often reminded here at Celebration that every promise has a premise. This means promises cannot be experienced unless their conditions are fulfilled, as this week’s study illustrates well. God had delivered His people from the Egyptians at the Red Sea, had provided for them in the wilderness for over a year, and now it was time to give them laws so they could become a unified nation. These laws were the premises to be able to experience the promises He had in store for them. As they stopped at Mt. Sinai God told Moses that He would come down to them and reveal His laws to them. He began with the “ten commandments” and then followed these up with detailed instructions. The first of these were laws that related to upholding justice. He told them

how to treat both male and female slaves with fairness and then revealed just remedies for various types of personal injury. Generally the penalty was more severe for intentional injury and the sentencing corresponded to the level of loss. Furthermore, if someone had failed to take proper precautions they were punished more greatly than if the loss was accidental. Next, rules for redressing damage to personal property were laid out, with theft, malicious intent and manipulation receiving the greatest penalties. Finally, sorcery, bestiality and idolatry were declared to be capital offenses and the disadvantaged of society were to be protected. Also, honesty was to be upheld in the courts. In the next section worship was underscored. The Sabbath was to be observed to give both man

and the land rest, and three feasts a year were set aside to celebrate God’s blessing. Obedience to God would be the premise for these blessings to continue. Finally, the people officially united with God as He called for an affirmation of the covenant. He then called for seventy elders, along with Aaron, his sons, and Moses to eat with Him, then called Moses to the top of the mountain to meet with Him for forty days so he could receive further instruction. God wanted to bless His people, but there were premises to His promises.

Daily Study Questions for Exodus 21-24

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com, small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Exodus 21:1-11. How long was a Hebrew to be a slave (v1-2) and what was the exception (v5-6)? Why (v5)? How were female slaves protected (v7, 8, 9, 10, 11)? What did these rules do for slaves?</p>	
<p>2. From 21:12-25 list the various types and remedies for injuries (v12-14, 15, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-25)? What principles of justice do you see here (v14, 19, 23-24)?</p>	
<p>3. Using 21:26-36 what were the penalties for property grievances (v26-27, 28-32, 33-34, 35-36) and what principles of justice are seen here (v26-27, 29, 32, 33-34, 36)?</p>	

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