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Be kind and Be compassionate

Micah 6:8

"O man, the LORD has shown you what is good. What does he require of you? To do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."

Ephesians 4:32

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Luke 6:36

"Be merciful, as your Father is merciful."

James 2:13

"For he who has shown no mercy will suffer judgment without mercy; for mercy triumphs over judgment."

Zephaniah 3:17

"The LORD your God, the mighty Lord who saves, will rejoice in you and rejoice in you, will love you silently, and will shout for joy in you."

These verses remind us to be kind and compassionate to others, to be tolerant, forgiving and supportive of one another, to follow God's teachings, and to show love and caring in our lives.

Let us pray together

Heavenly Father, we gather before you at this hour to pray with reverent hearts.

Thank you for giving us life and love,

Heavenly Father, teach us to have kindness and compassion for others. Help us understand that everyone has their own struggles and difficulties, and let us care for each other, tolerate each other's weaknesses, and treat everyone with kindness.

When we make mistakes, please enable us to be brave and take responsibility. Not to shy away from responsibility or pass the buck, but to face up to your mistakes, learn from them, and move in a better direction.

At the same time, please also guide us to seek compensation when we make mistakes. Let us recognize the harm our actions may cause to others, and be willing to take initiative to repair our mistakes in return for tolerance and understanding from others.

Please remind us to value social justice. Let us pay attention to those who suffer from unfair treatment and discrimination, and may we use our care and actions to support those who pursue fairness and justice. Help us become advocates, giving voice to the underprivileged and finding solutions to neglected problems in society.

Please teach us to respect the dignity and rights of every human being. Let's recognize that every human being is a unique and valuable individual, regardless of background, race, religion or gender. Help us treat others with tolerance and tolerance, respect their rights and opinions, and build a society of mutual understanding and respect.

Heavenly Father, please grant us the wisdom and strength to become a person who can spread love and kindness, and may our lives leave beautiful footprints in this world.

Father, we gather under your loving kindness to offer you our sincere prayers. Thank you for giving us life and wisdom so that we can live together in this world and respect each other.

Heavenly Father, please grant us the courage and strength to become messengers of justice and love, bringing positive change and hope to the world.

We thank you for your compassion and care, and may your light shine on our hearts and lead us to justice and peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

CHAPTER 21

Ex. 21:1 "These are the laws you are to set before them:

Ex. 21:2 "If you buy a Hebrew servant, he is to serve you for six years. But in the seventh year, he shall go free, without paying anything.

Ex. 21:3 If he comes alone, he is to go free alone; but if he has a wife when he comes, she is to go with him.

Ex. 21:4 If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the woman and her children shall belong to her master, and only the man shall go free.

Ex. 21:5 “But if the servant declares, ‘I love my master and my wife and children and do not want to go free,’

Ex. 21:6 then his master must take him before the judges. He shall take him to the door or the door-post and pierce his ear with an awl. Then he will be his servant for life.

Ex. 21:7 “If a man sells his daughter as a servant, she is not to go free as menservants do.

Ex. 21:8 If she does not please the master who has selected her for himself, he must let her be redeemed. He has no right to sell her to foreigners, because he has broken faith with her.

Ex. 21:9 If he selects her for his son, he must grant her the rights of a daughter.

Ex. 21:10 If he marries another woman, he must not deprive the first one of her food, clothing and marital rights.

Ex. 21:11 If he does not provide her with these three things, she is to go free, without any payment of money.

Ex. 21:12 “Anyone who strikes a man and kills him shall surely be put to death.

Ex. 21:13 However, if he does not do it intentionally, but God lets it happen, he is to flee to a place I will designate.

Ex. 21:14 But if a man schemes and kills another man deliberately, take him away from my altar and put him to death.

Ex. 21:15 “Anyone who attacks his father or his mother must be put to death.

Ex. 21:16 “Anyone who kidnaps another and either sells him or still has him when he is caught must be put to death.

Ex. 21:17 “Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.

Ex. 21:18 “If men quarrel and one hits the other with a stone or with his fist and he does not die but is confined to bed,

Ex. 21:19 the one who struck the blow will not be held responsible if the other gets up and walks around outside with his staff; however, he must pay the injured man for the loss of his time and see that he is completely healed.

Ex. 21:20 “If a man beats his male or female slave with a rod and the slave dies as a direct result, he must be punished,

Ex. 21:21 but he is not to be punished if the slave gets up after a day or two, since the slave is his property.

Ex. 21:22 “If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman’s husband demands and the court allows.

Ex. 21:23 But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life,

Ex. 21:24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

Ex. 21:25 burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.

Ex. 21:26 “If a man hits a manservant or maidservant in the eye and destroys it, he must let the servant go free to compensate for the eye.

Ex. 21:27 And if he knocks out the tooth of a manservant or maidservant, he must let the servant go free to compensate for the tooth.

Ex. 21:28 “If a bull gores a man or a woman to death, the bull must be stoned to death, and its meat must not be eaten. But the owner of the bull will not be held responsible.

Ex. 21:29 If, however, the bull has had the habit of goring and the owner has been warned but has not kept it penned up and it kills a man or woman, the bull must be stoned and the owner also must be put to death.

Ex. 21:30 However, if payment is demanded of him, he may redeem his life by paying whatever is demanded.

Ex. 21:31 This law also applies if the bull gores a son or a daughter.

Ex. 21:32 If the bull gores a male or female slave, the owner must pay thirty shekels of silver to the master of the slave, and the bull must be stoned.

Ex. 21:33 “If a man uncovers a pit or digs one and fails to cover it and an ox or a donkey falls into it,

Ex. 21:34 the owner of the pit must pay for the loss; he must pay its owner, and the dead animal will be his.

Ex. 21:35 “If a man’s bull injures the bull of another and it dies, they are to sell the live one and divide both the money and the dead

animal equally.

Ex. 21:36 However, if it was known that the bull had the habit of goring, yet the owner did not keep it penned up, the owner must pay, animal for animal, and the dead animal will be his.

Exodus Chapter 21 describes a series of laws and regulations that God gave to the Israelites through Moses. These include rules on how to treat slaves, compensation for harming others, theft and property damage, marriage, sexual conduct, murder, and more.

God commands the Israelites to treat their slaves justly. If a slave is injured, they are to be set free, and their owner must compensate them for their losses. If a slave is killed by their owner, the owner will be punished.

In addition, God establishes laws on compensation for harming others, including injury caused by animals and property damage. If a person kills someone accidentally, they are to flee to a city of refuge for protection.

God also establishes laws on marriage and sexual conduct, emphasizing the protection of women and children and forbidding marriage between close relatives.

Finally, this chapter mentions the principle of "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," which means that the punishment for a crime should be the same as the harm inflicted, in order to maintain social order and justice.

the key verses Chapter 21 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 21 contains a set of laws that outline how the Israelites were to live in community with one another.

Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 21:

1. "Now these are the rules that you shall set before them" (Exodus 21:1): This verse introduces the laws that follow and establishes their authority.
2. "If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years, and in the seventh he shall go out free, for nothing" (Exodus 21:2): This verse outlines the rules for

Hebrew servants, emphasizing the importance of treating them with fairness and allowing them to go free after a set period of time.

3. "Whoever strikes his father or his mother shall be put to death" (Exodus 21:15): This verse emphasizes the importance of respecting parents and the severity of violating this commandment.

4. "When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman's husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine" (Exodus 21:22): This verse provides guidelines for handling a situation where a pregnant woman is injured during a fight, emphasizing the importance of protecting the health and safety of both the mother and the unborn child.

5. "If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and kills it or sells it, he shall repay five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep" (Exodus 21:37): This verse emphasizes the importance of restitution for theft, establishing a system of compensation that is fair to both the victim and the offender.

Overall, Exodus chapter 21 provides a set of laws that emphasize the importance of fairness, justice, and respect for others. These laws provide a framework for living in community with one another and emphasize the importance of treating others with kindness and compassion.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 21:

Exodus chapter 21 continues the narrative of God giving instructions to Moses on Mount Sinai. In this chapter, God provides laws and regulations regarding various aspects of social justice, personal rights, and responsibilities within the community. These laws are meant to guide the Israelites in their relationships with one another and to establish a just and orderly society.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the importance of justice and fairness in human relationships. God's laws address issues such as slavery, the treatment of servants, personal injuries, property rights, and restitution for damages. These laws

aim to protect the vulnerable, ensure equitable treatment, and promote the overall well-being and harmony of the community.

The laws regarding slavery are particularly noteworthy in this chapter. While the presence of laws regarding slavery may be challenging for modern readers, it is important to note that the regulations outlined in Exodus 21 were significantly more humane than the practices of surrounding cultures at the time. The laws provided guidelines for the fair treatment of slaves, offering protection and limiting the duration of their servitude.

Another important theme in this chapter is the concept of personal responsibility and accountability. The laws address situations where individuals cause harm or damage to others, emphasizing the need for restitution and making things right. These regulations promote personal accountability and demonstrate the value of upholding justice and integrity in all our actions.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 21, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the importance of treating others with fairness, compassion, and respect. The laws presented in this chapter highlight the value of human life and dignity and call us to act justly and compassionately in all our interactions.

Secondly, this chapter underscores the need for personal responsibility and accountability. We are responsible for the consequences of our actions, and when we cause harm, we are called to make amends and seek reconciliation. It challenges us to examine our own behavior and attitudes, ensuring that we are living in a way that honors God and promotes the well-being of others.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 21 points us toward the ultimate source of justice and righteousness—God Himself. These laws were given by God to guide the Israelites in their pursuit of justice and fairness. They serve as a reminder that God is the

ultimate standard of justice and that we are called to reflect His character in our own lives and relationships.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 21 presents laws and regulations that address various aspects of social justice and personal responsibility. It calls us to treat others with fairness, compassion, and respect, to take personal responsibility for our actions, and to strive for a just and equitable society. By reflecting on these lessons, we can actively work toward promoting justice, showing compassion, and upholding the dignity of every individual in our communities and beyond.