**Moses a man who heard from God – Ex. 20:22 – 23:33**

**Focal Truth: God gave to Israel laws to guide their daily life – situations**

Ex. 20 :22 – 23:33 – is called the Book of the Covenant

This covenant provides guidance by God for how to treat our neighbor in life – situations

1. God gave these laws to Israel along with the 10 Words
2. The rich and the poor are to be treated equally – because human life is highly honored
3. God is concerned with all of life – moral, legal & spiritual matters
4. Some of the laws may not be clearly understood by the modern reader who is unaware of the life – situations to which these laws apply
5. Observe the grace, mercy & justice of God in these daily laws as you read them

**Observations**

1. **The laws concerning man & property – 21:1 – 22:17**
2. Treatment of slaves – 21:1 – 11
3. Personal injuries – 21:12 -14
4. Parenting – 21:15
5. Treatment of slaves – 21:16
6. Parenting – 21 17
7. Personal injuries – 21: 18 – 22:17

God’s view of the sacredness of life in the womb is revealed in these laws

1. If child dies the man is to be put to death
2. If the child lives the man is fined for his actions
3. **The laws concerning witchcraft – 22:18 -20**
4. **The laws concerning man & oppression – 22:21 -28**
5. God’s vengeance on wrongful treatment of widows & orphans– 22:22 -24
6. God is gracious and hears the cry of the oppressed – 22:27

God’s law provided safeguards for the widow & orphans

Ex. 23:11, Lev. 19:9 -10, Deut. 14:29, 16:11,14, 24:19 -21, 26:12 -13

1. **The laws concerning worship of God & offerings -22:29 – 31**
2. The first - born son is given to God – 22:29
3. The first – born male oxen, sheep are given to God – 22:30
4. **The laws concerning man & fair treatment – 23:1 -9**
5. **The laws concerning worship of God & sabbaths & feast – 23:10 – 19**
6. Celebrate the feast of unleavened bread – 23:15
7. Celebrate the feast of the harvest – 23:16
8. Celebrate the feast of the Ingathering – 23:16
9. **The laws concerning man & treatment of animals – 23:19**
10. **The laws concerning God & Canaanite worship – 23:20 -33**

**Things to Remember**

1. God gave these laws to guide the daily life of Israel
2. These laws provided the judges of Israel with direction on how to settle disputes
3. Loving the neighbor is a primary principle that guides these laws
4. God’s grace and mercy is revealed to the weak, oppressed & strangers
5. The laws for daily life reveal the importance of treating others with fairness & equity
6. These laws reveal a distinct way of living that was different than the other nations that did not know God

**Rom. 10:4 – for Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believes**

**To the praise of the glory of His grace – The Lord is near at the door – Come Lord Jesus**