

Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 36/February 5

Today's Readings:

Exodus 21 & 22

Psalm 18.46-50

Proverbs 6.26-29

Matthew 23.1-22

1. What principles can we derive from the regulations regarding Hebrew servants in Exodus 21.2-6?
How did they differ from the common practices at that time?
2. Explain the laws regarding violence and personal injury in verses 12-27.
3. How are property rights addressed in verses 28-36?
4. What principles can be drawn from the laws concerning theft and restitution in Exodus 22.1-15?
How do they promote responsibility and accountability?
5. What do verses 16-31 reveal about God's concern for those who are vulnerable?
6. How do the regulations related to offerings and firstfruits in verse 20 reflect the idea of giving God our best? Is there an area where you need to obey this principle?

7. How do the laws in verses 22-27 emphasize the importance of showing love and compassion to your neighbors?

8. What significance does the imagery of God as a rock in Psalm 18.46 have in the psalmist's expression of praise? How can it help you rely on and trust God more?

9. How does the concept of God's steadfast love in verse 50 apply to your own life and relationship with Him?

10. Proverbs 5.27-28 uses the analogies of carrying fire and walking on hot coals to describe the dangers of sexual immorality. What might that look like in the lives of those who ignore God's warnings?

11. In Matthew 23.1-3, Jesus acknowledges the authority of the scribes and Pharisees but criticizes their actions. How does this passage help us to discern the balance between respecting authority and holding leaders accountable for their actions?

12. How can verses 5-7 help you avoid falling into the trap of performing acts of righteousness for the sake of appearances rather than out of genuine love and obedience?

13. Which passage in today's reading impacted you the most? Is there a verse you would like to memorize and/or meditate on today?