

Sermon Reflections

Just Payback, pt.2 – Exodus 22:1-23:9

Summary: A just God demands God's people to do justly. Give people the good they are due

1. Give Compassion to Whom it is Due (Exodus 22:21-27)

- Define Sojourner. What significance does this term hold for Israel as a nation? How does it apply to us today?
- Verse 22 commands us to not mistreat any widow or orphans. Verses 23-24 go on to tell us that God will defend them even if we don't and those who do mistreat them will receive His justice.
 - What does this tell you about God's compassion to those who are most needy?
 - We are being called to act like the God who redeemed us. How then should we view them?
 - Consider the body at GBC. What do those in need around you get from you? How can we as the body of Christ get to know who is in need?

2. Give Justice to Whom Justice is Due (Exodus 22:28-23:9)

- We must first give to God what is due, then we are called to not curse our rulers. It doesn't matter if we agree with our rulers' decisions or actions. Ultimately God is in control.
 - How does this impact your view of our leaders, whether it be your boss at work or the President of the USA?
- Consider v.29. We have not been bought out of service, but we have been bought/redeemed FOR service to God.
 - Why is this important for us to remember and how does it impact our view of compassion and justice?
- In Exodus 29:1-9 we see God's justice clearly drawn out. It is based on fact, it is holy and impartial, it does the right thing for everyone, and it must be given out.
 - What do we do with this knowledge... in our families, in our body of believers, and as we interact with an unbelieving world?