THE JUDGMENTS – CONT.

Exodus 22:1–31

Property rights.

1. **Stealing property. Vs 1**
   - Restitution was calculated by a _____.
     Repayment was made punitive because the thief took their _____.

     Examples of the multiplier: **2 Samuel 12:6; Luke 19:8**

The Prophet Nathan saw King David as a sheep stealer and Bathsheba as the stolen lamb, for adultery is thievery (1 Thes. 4:1–7). David did repay fourfold: the baby died, Amnon and Absalom were both slain, and Tamar was raped (2 Sam. 12:15–13:33; 18:1–18).[32]

   - There is no place for theft in the church. **Titus 2:10; Romans 6:14–15; Ephesians 4:28**
     Compare **1 Peter 4:15**

2. **Breaking and entering. Vs 2-4**
   - A thief at night? Justifiable _____.
     Compare **Job 24:16**
     God Word understands the need to defend the home against wicked intent.

   - Vs 3: If its day – the thief is identifiable, the reason for breaking and entering could be assumed and legal recourse is possible. Theft was not punishable by death.

     "if he have nothing" means the thief was found but he had already spent it or hid it, and so was sold into servanthood.

     Vs 4: nothing was lost to the owner, but the thief still had to pay.

   - Why pay more than you stole? _____ = you always reap MORE than you sow. **Galatians 6:7–8**
     Examples: **1 Timothy 5:17** *"double honor"*
     Revelation 18:1-6 rewards the harlot ***double***.

3. **Property damage. Vs 5-6**
   - Via grazing or burning. Vs 5
     The thief pays for the feed they stole.

     Restitution = ***shalem*** (related to the word shalom = peace) *"to make whole" to restore or make complete*.

   - Don't play with fire! Vs 6.

     Fire is dangerous in that it _____. Nothing can be _____ of what the fire consumes.

     PICTURE: Watch yo _____! **James 3:5–6; Proverbs 16:27–30; 26:20–28**

     Some of you are guilty of spiritual arson. Have you made restitution?
     What would that look like? You will work to undo the damage you've done.

     _____ is a fire. **Matthew 13:40–42, 13:49–50**
     Those who are forced to make RESTITUTION to God over their sin? They do it in hell.

[32] Warren W. Wiersbe, *Be Delivered*, "Be" Commentary Series (Colorado Springs, CO: Chariot Victor Pub., 1998), 122.

Compare **Romans 3:23; 6:23** and **Revelation 20:14–15**

2 Peter 3:9–10 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
[10] But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

4. **Property held in custody. Vs 7-15**
   - Trustees / Borrowed goods. The issue at hand: neighbors should be able to _____ one another.
     - Loss due to theft. Vs 7-8

     The borrower or the trustee is placed on trial. To prove innocence or guilt. Vs 9
     Whoever is found guilty – pays double.

     - Loss due to forces beyond human control. Vs 10-11

     - Loss due to failure to secure. Vs 12-13

   - These terms were nothing _____! **Genesis 31:36–39**

     - Loss due to borrowing vs hiring. Vs 14-15

   - **PICTURE**: _____ is THE THIEF?
     Matt 13:19; Mark 4:15; Luke 8:12; **John 10:1, 10**
     Compare **John 8:44; 1 Peter 5:8**

     KNOW that he has been found _____ and will spend eternity in hell for it. **Rev 20:10**

     Understand how Satan operates. **1 Peter 5:8** compare **Hebrews 12:15–17**
     Satan will work to give you a reason to be bitter against others and thereby make you into a functional enemy of God. Working to steal from His kingdom.

     Be on guard against the thief and his organization! **Revelation 3:11; Colossians 2:18**

Societal Obligations

1. **Fornication. Vs 16-17**
   - How do you keep from getting messed up in the wrong relationship?
     Here is your biblical failsafe. **Philippians 2:3–4**
     Make the decision up front that any relationship you are in – you are in it for _____
     For their good, their edification. Not for your own fulfilment of the flesh.
     That will require of you some pre-planning. **Psalm 119:9, 11; 1 Thessalonians 4:1–7**

   - If dad refused, the offender would not _____ but would have to still _____ **Deuteronomy 22:28–29**

   - How should this work out in the N.T.? **1 Corinthians 7:1–3**

     Young men! You want her father's approval! **1 Corinthians 7:38**

   PICTURE: We (the church) are the bride of Christ. What dowery did Jesus pay?