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- ❖ Leviticus 17:8-16
- ❖ Matthew 25:31-46

Background Reading

Exodus 22:9-19

9 For all manner of trespass, whether it be for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, or for any manner of lost thing which another challengeth to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; and whom the judges shall condemn, he shall pay double unto his neighbour.

10 If a man deliver unto his neighbour an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep; and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man seeing it:

11 Then shall an oath of the Lord be between them both, that he hath not put his hand unto his neighbour's goods; and the owner of it shall accept thereof, and he shall not make it good.

12 And if it be stolen from him, he shall make restitution unto the owner thereof.

Background Reading

Exodus 22:9-19

13 If it be torn in pieces, then let him bring it for witness, and he shall not make good that which was torn.

14 And if a man borrow ought of his neighbour, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof being not with it, he shall surely make it good.

15 But if the owner thereof be with it, he shall not make it good: if it be an hired thing, it came for his hire.

16 And if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her, he shall surely endow her to be his wife.

Background Reading

Exodus 22:9-19

17 If her father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

18 Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.

19 Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death.

Deuteronomy 10:19 Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Background Reading

Psalm 39:12-13; 146:9

12 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

13 O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

Psalm 146:9 The Lord preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

Background Reading

Isaiah 56:3-8

3 Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.

4 For thus saith the Lord unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant;

5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;

7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

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Isaiah 56:8 The Lord God, which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

1 Timothy 5:9-16

9 Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man.

10 Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

11 But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry;

Background Reading

1 Timothy 5:9-16

12 Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.

13 And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

14 I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

15 For some are already turned aside after Satan.

16 If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

Devotional Reading

Leviticus 17:8-16

8 And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers which sojourn among you, that offereth a burnt offering or sacrifice,

9 And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it unto the Lord; even that man shall be cut off from among his people.

10 And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

12 Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood.

Devotional Reading

Leviticus 17:8-16

13 And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.

14 For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

15 And every soul that eateth that which died of itself, or that which was torn with beasts, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger, he shall both wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even: then shall he be clean.

16 But if he wash them not, nor bathe his flesh; then he shall bear his iniquity.

Devotional Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

Devotional Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Devotional Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Central Verse

Hebrews 13:1

**“Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for
thereby some have entertained angels
unaware.”**

INTRODUCTION

It is the will of God that His children be like Him. He shows no partiality to any of His children, for He loves them all. He said, "Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4). The children of God need to realize that all of Heaven is behind them, supporting them, cheering them on, waiting to bless them in every conceivable way. God loves His children so much that He does not want any to perish. He says, whosoever believes in Him and accepts Him and His Son shall have everlasting life. This includes the strangers that come and dwell among His children.

INTRODUCTION

David cried out to God during a time of his distress. He asked God to hear him and help him with his tears. He reminded God how He had helped his fathers when they were strangers, and he needed God to do for him that which He had done for his fathers.

DISCUSSION

God has always showed great concern for His children, for it is important to Him that they are taken care of. In the Book of Leviticus, where He gave the rules and regulations to govern their lives, He included the treatment for strangers as well. Many times, He had to remind His disciples that they were once strangers and some people were kind to them, but others were not. He wanted them to remember how it felt to be mistreated and to be hated without a cause.

DISCUSSION

Sometimes, the people of God need to be reminded how it feels to be mistreated without a real reason. It is a very ugly, annoying, and hurtful feeling to be among people of other cultures and feel hated and mistreated. God does not want the strangers who come among His people to feel strange, so He reminded His people to show love and kindness to all people, even those they don't know.

DISCUSSION

God wants His children to show compassion, love, and justice to the stranger, reflecting His character and His expectation for His people. Leviticus 19:34 tells God's people that they must treat the strangers living among them as they want to be treated, showing them love and kindness. God wants His children to know and to realize that their love for the stranger must transcend ethnic and cultural boundaries.

DISCUSSION

There is a supernatural realm in this world that humans cannot see, and some believers are completely unaware of it. But it is real and must be faced as we fight the good fight of faith. The believer is not fighting against flesh or blood, but he's dealing with good angels and bad angels, which have become demons. So, he must be careful how he entertains people he doesn't know. He must allow the Holy Spirit to be his spiritual radar, for he is in a place where sin and virtue sometimes collide. So, he must be careful how he entertains strangers, for he just might be entertaining an angel unaware.

CONCLUSION

Jesus lets believers know, as He talked about the Judgement, the importance of showing kindness to strangers. He said that when He was a stranger, the believer took Him in. The question was asked concerning this statement, and Jesus let the believer know that whatever he has done to the least significant person, it was done unto Him. So, it is important that as the believer lives his life, he makes sure that he shows love, kindness, and compassion to strangers, the homeless, widows, and orphans. For whatever he does to these people, he is doing it unto his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God wants believers to remember that they are not their own, but they belong to Him and must do and say what God does and says.

ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

**God wants us to be kind, loving, and
hospitable to strangers.**

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God Gives Wealth