

# Exodus 22

#### Proverbs 19:17

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.

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- <sup>21</sup> "Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt.
- <sup>22</sup> "Do not take advantage of the widow or the fatherless. <sup>23</sup> If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry. <sup>24</sup> My anger will be aroused, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives will become widows and your children fatherless.

#### Exodus 22

<sup>25</sup> "If you lend money to one of my people among you who is needy, do not treat it like a business deal; charge no interest. <sup>26</sup> If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, return it by sunset, <sup>27</sup> because that cloak is the only covering your neighbor has. What else can they sleep in? When they cry out to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.

#### **Psalm 86:15**

But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

#### **Exodus 34:6-7**

"The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup> maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."

#### **Nehemiah 5:6-12**

<sup>6</sup> When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry. <sup>7</sup> I pondered them in my mind and then accused the nobles and officials. I told them, "You are charging your own people interest!" So I called together a large meeting to deal with them <sup>8</sup> and said: "As far as possible, we have bought back our fellow Jews who were sold to the Gentiles. Now you are selling your own people, only for them to be sold back to us!"

They kept quiet, because they could find nothing to say.

<sup>9</sup> So I continued, "What you are doing is not right. Shouldn't you walk in the fear of our God to avoid the reproach of our Gentile enemies? <sup>10</sup> I and my brothers and my men are also lending the people money and grain. But let us stop charging interest!

<sup>11</sup> Give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses, and also the interest you are charging them—one percent of the money, grain, new wine and olive oil."

"We will give it back," they said. "And we will not demand anything more from them. We will do as you say."

#### **Isaiah 1:23**

Your rulers are rebels, partners with thieves; they all love bribes and chase after gifts. They do not defend the cause of the fatherless; the widow's case does not come before them.

#### (NLT) Proverbs 28:8

Income from charging high interest rates will end up in the pocket of someone who is kind to the poor.

#### Luke 14:12-14

12 Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

#### Luke 14:15-24

When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. <sup>17</sup> At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

- <sup>18</sup> "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'
- <sup>19</sup> "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'
- <sup>20</sup> "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'

Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'

- <sup>22</sup> "'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'
- <sup>23</sup> "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.

<sup>24</sup> I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet."

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#### **James 1:27**

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

