

**GODLY SOCIETY**

**EXODUS 21-23**

# INTRODUCTION

- In the Mosaic covenant God gave the laws to build a Godly society.
- It is His desire that people will respect each other and deal with justice, grace, honesty, fairness and mercy.
- God wanted a society in which people were responsible and accountable for their actions

## CONT.

- I believe that Ten Commandments are the foundation of a Godly person and Godly society. Only Godly people can build a Godly society.
- The social laws covered every aspect of society.

# 1 CONTENTS OF THE SOCIAL LAWS.

- In the Mosaic Covenant social laws covered every aspect of social life.
- These laws are written in the book of Exodus chapter 21-23; Lev. 19 and Deut. 21-24.

## Cont.

NIV Study Bible divides social laws into following areas( Page 269):

- Personhood: Ex 20:13; Dt 5:17; Ex 21:16-21
- False Accusation: Ex 20:16; 23:1-3, 6-8 and Lev 19:15-21
- Women: Ex 21:7-11,20, 26-32;22:16-17 and Deut. 21:10-14

## CONT.

- Punishment for wrong doing must not be excessive. Deut. 25:1-5
- Dignity: Ex 21:2-6 and Dt 15:12-18
- Inheritance should be secure. Lev 25; Num 27:5-7 and Dt 25:5-10
- Everyone's property is to be secure. Ex 20:15; 21:31-36; 22:1-15; 23:4-5; Lev 19:35-36

## Cont.

- Everyone to receive fruit of their labor. Lev 19:13;Dt 24:14 and 25:4
- Everyone is to share the fruit of the ground. Ex 23:10-11; Lev 19:9-10 and Dt 14:28-29;24:19-21
- Everyone to share Sabbath rest. Ex 20:8-11

## CONT.

- Marriage relationship should be kept pure  
20:14 and Lev 18:6-23;20:10-21;Dt 22:13-30
- No one should be exploited. Ex 22:21-  
27;Lev:19:14,33-34;25:35-36 and Dt 24:6-27
- Everyone is to have an access to court and  
have a fair trial. Ex 23:6-8;Lev 19:15;Dt  
19:15-21



## CONT.

- Every person's God-given place in the social order is to be honored. Ex 20:12;21:15-28;Lev 19:3,32;20:9;Dt 17:8-13;21:15-21
- No one is above the law, not even the king. Dt 17:18-20
- Animals should be taken care. Ex 23;5,11;Lev25:7;Dt 22:4,6-7;25:4

## II PRINCIPLES OF SOCIAL LAWS.

- Personal integrity
- Justice
- Mercy
- Love
- Sanctity of life
- Vertical and horizontal accountability

# CONCLUSION

- God gave the social laws to build a righteous society. Therefore, we should obey the laws of God and live a life of integrity, justice, mercy, love and accountability. We should also honor all human beings because, they are created on the image of God.

## CONT.

- Nation of Israel was punished by God because they failed to obey the social laws and mistreated each other. Isa 1; Jer 22 and Mic 6
- We can also lose our blessing if we don't keep the social laws of God.