

Biblical Law & Justice Context Guide

A context guide to Torah, courts, evidence, labor, poverty, land, strangers, power, restitution, mercy, and responsible Christian application.

GOVERNED PRINTABLE EDITION

Exodus 23:1-9 | Leviticus 19:9-18 | Deuteronomy 19:15-21

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How to use this edition

What did this law protect, restrain, repair, or teach within Israel's covenant world?

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Use one page at a time: read the complete cited passage, name the context, answer honestly, choose one practice, and return to review fruit rather than performance.

This resource supports formation and discussion. It is not a substitute for medical, legal, mental-health, safeguarding, or other qualified professional care.

The reading and practice map

1

READ

Open the complete passage.

2

CONTEXT

Name speaker, audience, setting, and movement.

3

TENSION

Tell the truth about the lived pressure.

4

PRACTICE

Choose a concrete, accountable response.

5

REVIEW

Return to evidence, fruit, repair, and next steps.

Guided practice

Exodus 23:1-9

Truth, crowds, justice, enemies, and strangers

The law resists rumor, majority pressure, partiality, neglect, bribes, and oppression.

- 01 Observation: What does Exodus 23:1-9 actually say before we summarize it?
- 02 Context: What covenant, literary, historical, or relational setting controls the reading?
- 03 Tension: Where could truth, crowds, justice, enemies, and strangers be reduced to a slogan or used carelessly?
- 04 Practice: Which action in this passage can be made concrete, safe, and accountable?

Guided practice

Leviticus 19:9-18

Holiness reaches economics and neighbors

Gleaning, wages, disability, courts, speech, vengeance, and love appear together.

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Honest reflection before application

01 What did this law protect, restrain, repair, or teach within Israel's covenant world?

02 Which part of biblical law & justice is easiest to discuss but hardest to practice?

03 What fear, desire, habit, or power relationship could distort this work?

04 Who could be helped or harmed by the way this truth is applied?

05 What would honest fruit look like thirty days from now?

A faithful next-step plan

Choose four practices. Give each one an owner, evidence, and review date.

PRACTICE 01

Read the complete unit

PRACTICE 05

Trace canonical development

PRACTICE 02

Identify covenant audience

PRACTICE 06

Check evidence

PRACTICE 03

Name protected people

PRACTICE 07

Limit retaliation

PRACTICE 04

Distinguish description and command

PRACTICE 08

Pay wages promptly

Prayer, commitment, and next return

A prayer for faithful practice

Lord, give us wisdom to read truthfully, courage to practice biblical law & justice with love, humility to receive correction, and patience to review our fruit. Protect our neighbors from careless certainty. Help us carry one faithful step and return with honesty. Amen.

MY COMMITMENT

Pay wages promptly

Return date: _____ Trusted reviewer: _____