

## SOCIAL JUSTICE IN AN UNJUST WORLD: PART ONE

*Exodus 22:16-31 // September 21, 2025 AM*

*God's exodus people must not be conformed to this world, but be transformed unto love.*

**I. *Horizontally* love your *vulnerable neighbor* (vv. 16-17, 21-27).**

**II. *Vertically* love your *venerable God* (vv. 18-20, 28-31).**

### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is social justice? Why does it matter how we define it?
2. What are the different categories of vulnerable people that God's law to Israel protected? Who are some of the most vulnerable in our society today?
3. Which comes first—marriage or sex? What does God teach us about this in the case law in vv. 16-17?
4. Who is God referring to when He speaks of "sojourners" in v. 21? How do sojourners relate to widows and orphans, and how are God's people to treat them?
5. Why isn't Israel to charge interest in their loans to each other? Does this mean it is always wrong to charge interest on a loan, or that we should only take out interest-free loans?
6. What does God teach us about Himself in these laws, and how exactly does He call His people to reflect His character?

### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. What is the difference between the social justice propagated by the world and that propagated by the Scriptures?
2. How does the compassion of God toward me in the gospel inform how I should relate to the vulnerable and respond to their needs?
3. Have I been surprised how relevant these Old Testament case laws are to my modern western context? Why, or why not?