

Who Is Our God?

Lessons from the book of Exodus

Week #22: Love Neighbor- Truth

Exodus 23:1

Do not spread false reports. Do not help a guilty person by being a malicious witness.

Exodus 23:2-3

Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd,³ and do not show favoritism to a poor person in a lawsuit.

Exodus 23:4-5

If you come across your enemy's ox or donkey wandering off, be sure to return it.⁵ If you see the donkey of someone who hates you fallen down under its load, do not leave it there; be sure you help them with it.

Exodus 23:6-7

Do not deny justice to your poor people in their lawsuits. ⁷ Have nothing to do with a false charge and do not put an innocent or honest person to death, for I will not acquit the guilty.

Exodus 23:8-9

Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds those who see and twists the words of the innocent. ⁹ Do not oppress a foreigner; you yourselves know how it feels to be foreigners, because you were foreigners in Egypt.