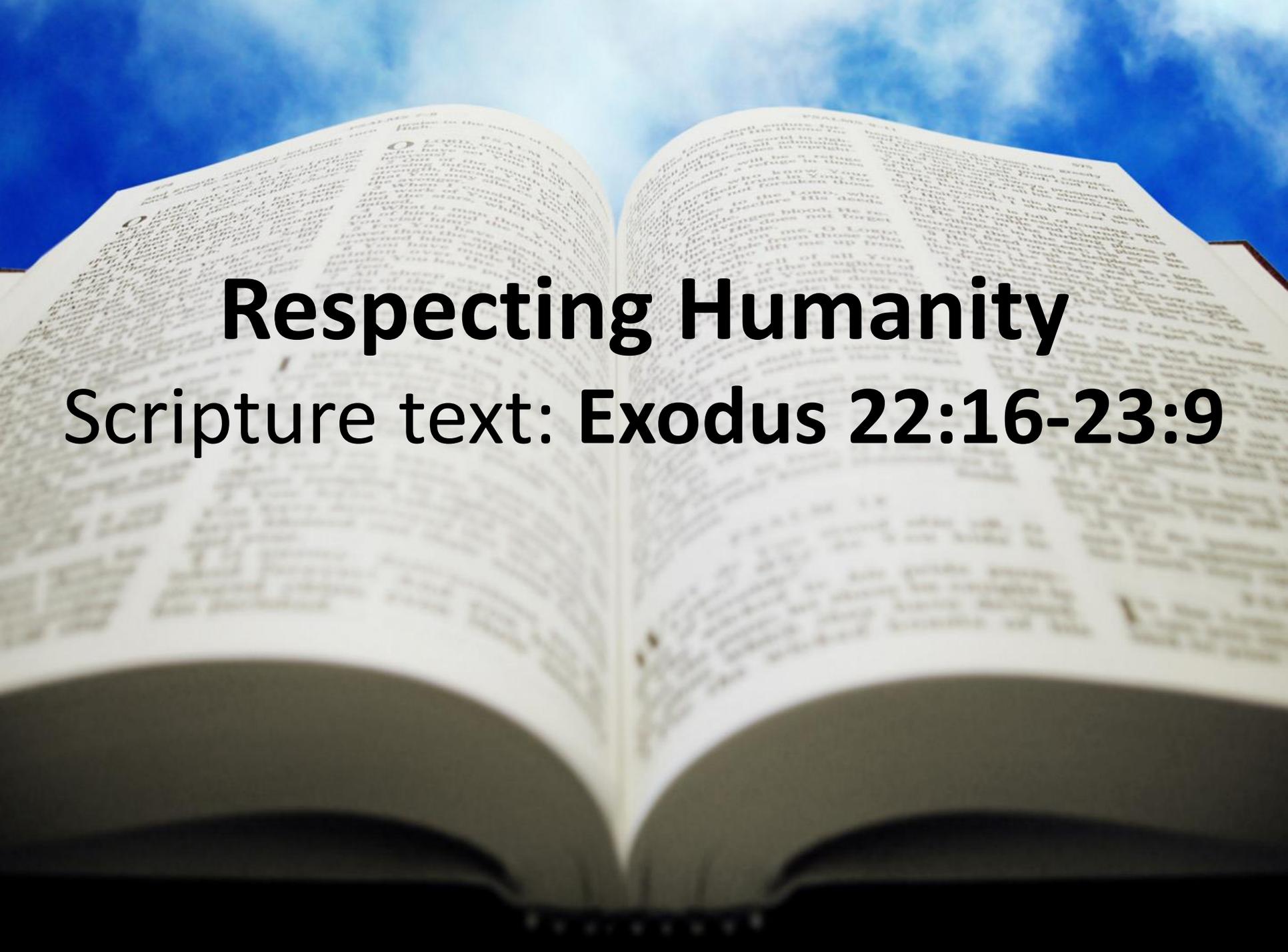


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An open Bible is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with text, but it is slightly out of focus. The background is a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The text is overlaid in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Respecting Humanity

Scripture text: **Exodus 22:16-23:9**

Respecting Humanity (22:16–31)

This series of miscellaneous laws reveals God's concern for humanity and His desire that people not be exploited.

This includes **virgins** (vv. 16–17; see Deut. 22:23–24), **foreigners in the land** (v. 21), **widows** (vv. 22–24), and **the poor** (vv. 25–27).

God promises to hear the cries of those who are wronged and defend the poor and oppressed.

Exodus 22:16-17 "If a man seduces a virgin who is not betrothed and lies with her, he shall give the bride-price for her and make her his wife. If her father utterly refuses to give her to him, **he shall pay money equal to the bride-price for virgins.**

Genesis 34:2-4 And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her, he seized her and lay with her and humiliated her. And his soul was drawn to Dinah the daughter of Jacob. He loved the young woman and spoke tenderly to her. So Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, "Get me this girl for my wife."

Deuteronomy 22:23-26 "If there is a betrothed virgin, and a man meets her in the city and lies with her, then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone them to death with stones, the **young woman because she did not cry for help** though she was in the city, and the man because he violated his neighbor's wife. **So you shall purge the evil from your midst.**" But in the open country a man meets a young woman who is betrothed, and the man seizes her and lies with her, then only the man who lay with her shall die. But you shall do nothing to the young woman; she has committed no offense punishable by death. For this case is like that of a man attacking and murdering his neighbor,

Deuteronomy 7:1-4 "When the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, and clears away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and mightier than yourselves, and when the LORD your God gives them over to you, and you defeat them, then you must devote them to complete destruction. You shall make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them. You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons, **for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods. Then the anger of the LORD would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly.**

1 Samuel 18:25-27 Then Saul said, "Thus shall you say to David, '**The king desires no bride-price except a hundred foreskins of the Philistines**, that he may be avenged of the king's enemies.'" Now Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son-in-law. Before the time had expired, David arose and went, along with his men, and killed two hundred of the Philistines. And David brought their foreskins, which were given in full number to the king, that he might become the king's son-in-law. And **Saul gave him his daughter Michal for a wife.**

Exodus 22:18 "You shall not permit a sorceress to live.

(Verb) 3784 קַשַּׁף [kashaph /kaw·shaf/] v. A primitive root; TWOT 1051; GK 4175; Six occurrences; AV translates as "sorcerers" three times, "witch" twice, and "witchcraft" once. 1 (Piel) to practice witchcraft or sorcery, use witchcraft. 1a sorcerer, sorceress (participle).

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(Noun) 5331 φαρμακεία, φάρμακον
[*pharmakeia* /far·mak·i·ah/] n f. From 5332; GK 5758 and 5760;

*Three occurrences; AV translates as “**sorcery**” twice, and “**witchcraft**” once. 1 the use or the administering of drugs. 2 poisoning. 3 sorcery, magical arts, often found in connection with idolatry and fostered by it. 4 metaph. the deceptions and seductions of idolatry.*

Deuteronomy 18:9-13 "When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of those nations. **There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD.** And because of these abominations the LORD your God is driving them out before you. **You shall be blameless before the LORD your God,**

Leviticus 19:26-31 "You shall not eat any flesh with the blood in it. **You shall not interpret omens or tell fortunes.** You shall not round off the hair on your temples or mar the edges of your beard. You shall not make any cuts on your body for the dead or tattoo yourselves: I am the LORD. "Do not profane your daughter by making her a prostitute, lest the land fall into prostitution and the land become full of depravity. You shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD. "**Do not turn to mediums or necromancers; do not seek them out, and so make yourselves unclean by them: I am the LORD your God.**

2 Chronicles 33:1-6 **Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD drove out before the people of Israel. For he rebuilt the high places that his father Hezekiah had broken down, and he erected altars to the Baals, and made Asherahs, and worshiped all the host of heaven and served them. And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem shall my name be forever." And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. And he burned his sons as an offering in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and **used fortune-telling and omens and sorcery, and dealt with mediums and with necromancers. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger.****

Isaiah 19:2-4 And I will stir up Egyptians against Egyptians, and **they will fight, each against another and each against his neighbor**, city against city, kingdom against kingdom; and the spirit of the Egyptians within them will be emptied out, and **I will confound their counsel; and they will inquire of the idols and the sorcerers, and the mediums and the necromancers**; and I will give over the Egyptians into the hand of a hard master, and a fierce king will rule over them, declares the Lord GOD of hosts.

Act 8:9-13 But there was a man named Simon, who had previously **practiced magic** in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, **saying that he himself was somebody great.** They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great." And **they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic.** But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Even **Simon himself believed,** and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed.

Act 19:17-20 And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And **fear fell upon them all**, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. Also many of those who were now believers came, **confessing and divulging their practices**. And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. So **the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily**.

Galatians 5:17-21 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. **But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.** Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, **sorcery**, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as **I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

Revelation 9:18-21 By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed, by the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths. For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, for their tails are like serpents with heads, and by means of them they wound. The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, **did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.**

Revelation 22:10-15 And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy." **Behold, I am coming soon,** bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

Exodus 22:19 "Whoever lies with an animal shall be put to death.

7901 שָׁכַב [shakab /**shaw·kab**/] v. A primitive root; TWOT 2381; GK 8886; 212 occurrences; AV translates as "**lie**" 106 times, "**sleep**" 48 times, "lie down" 43 times, "rest" three times, "lien" twice, and translated miscellaneously 10 times. 1 to lie down. 1a (Qal). 1a1 to lie, lie down, lie on. 1a2 to lodge. 1a3 to lie (of **sexual relations**). 1a4 to lie down (in death). 1a5 to rest, relax (fig). 1b (Niphal) to be lain with (sexually). 1c (Pual) to be lain with (sexually). 1d (Hiphil) to make to lie down. 1e (Hophal) to be laid.

v v: verb

Leviticus 18:23 And you shall not lie with any animal and so make yourself unclean with it, **neither shall any woman give herself to an animal to lie with it: it is perversion.**

Leviticus 20:15-16 If a man lies with an animal, he shall surely be put to death, and you shall kill the animal. If a woman approaches any animal and lies with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them.

Deuteronomy 27:20-23 "'Cursed be anyone who lies with his father's wife, because he has uncovered his father's nakedness.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.' "'Cursed be anyone who lies with any kind of animal.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.' "'Cursed be anyone who lies with his sister, whether the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.' "'Cursed be anyone who lies with his mother-in-law.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

Exodus 22:20 "Whoever sacrifices to any god, other than the LORD alone, shall be devoted to destruction.

Numbers 25:2-4 These invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. So Israel yoked himself to Baal of Peor. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. And the LORD said to Moses, "Take all the chiefs of the people and hang them in the sun before the LORD, that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel."

Deuteronomy 17:2-5 "If there is found among you, within any of your towns that the LORD your God is giving you, a man or woman who does what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, in transgressing his covenant, and **has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, or the sun or the moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have forbidden,** and it is told you and you hear of it, then you shall inquire diligently, and if it is true and certain that such an abomination has been done in Israel, then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman **who has done this evil thing, and you shall stone that man or woman to death with stones.**

Deuteronomy 18:20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, **that same prophet shall die.'**

Joshua 23:15-16 But just as all the good things that the LORD your God promised concerning you have been fulfilled for you, so the LORD will bring upon you all the evil things, until he has destroyed you from off this good land that the LORD your God has given you, **if you transgress the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods and bow down to them.** Then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and you shall perish quickly from off the good land that he has given to you."

Exodus 22:21 "You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

8453 תּוֹשָׁב [towshab, toshab /**to·shawb**/] n m. From 3427; TWOT 922d; GK 9369; 14 occurrences; AV translates as "sojourner" nine times, "stranger" three times, and "foreigner". 1 sojourner, stranger.

1616 גֵּר [ger, or (fully), geyr /**gare**/] n m. From 1481; TWOT 330a; GK 1731; 92 occurrences; AV translates as "stranger" 87 times, "alien" once, "sojourner" once, "stranger + 376" once, "stranger + 4480" once, and "strangers + 582" once. 1 sojourner. 1a a temporary inhabitant, a newcomer lacking inherited rights. 1b of foreigners in Israel, though conceded rights.

Deuteronomy 10:19 Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

Jeremiah 7:5-6 "For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm,

Zechariah 7:10 do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, **the sojourner**, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart."

Exodus 22:22-24 You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.

James 1:27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Psalm 10:17-18 O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

Psalm 18:6 In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple **he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.**

James 5:4 Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, **are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.**

Luke 18:3-8 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, '**Give me justice against my adversary.**' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "**Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night?** Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"