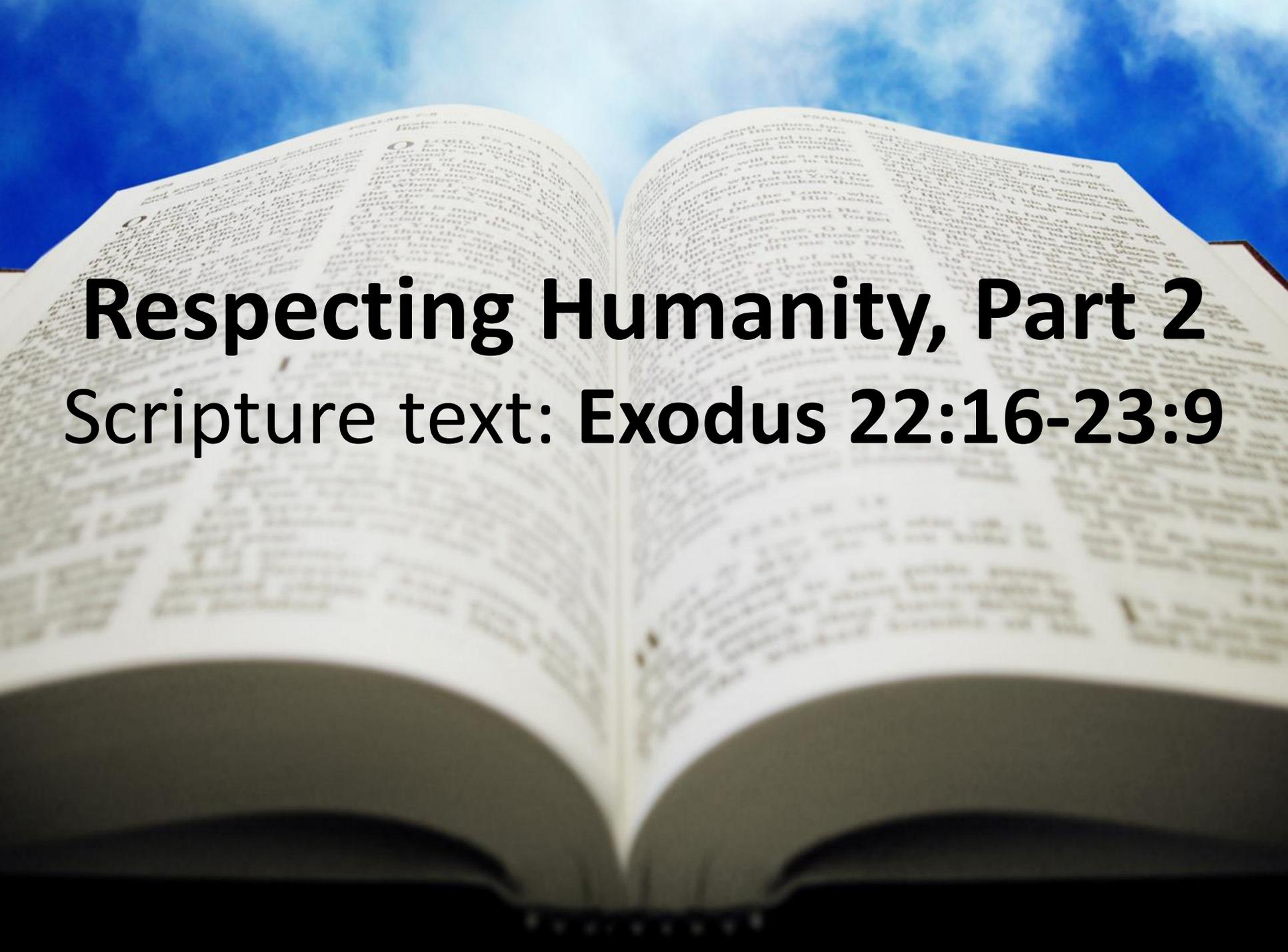


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Respecting Humanity, Part 2
Scripture text: **Exodus 22:16-23:9**

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?"

Romans 2:5-10 But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek.

Hebrews 10:30-35 For we know him who said, "**Vengeance is mine; I will repay.**" And again, "**The Lord will judge his people.**" It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. Therefore **do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.**

Luke 6:33-38 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But **love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High**, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. **Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.** "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. **Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.**"

Exodus 22:25 "If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a moneylender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him.

Psalm 15:1-5 A Psalm of David. O LORD, **who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill?** He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD; who swears to his own hurt and does not change; who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

Ezekiel 18:5-9 "If a man is righteous and does what is just and right-- if he does not eat upon the mountains or lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, does not defile his neighbor's wife or approach a woman in her time of menstrual impurity, does not oppress anyone, but restores to the debtor his pledge, commits no robbery, gives his bread to the hungry and covers the naked with a garment, **does not lend at interest or take any profit**, withholds his hand from injustice, executes true justice between man and man, **walks in my statutes, and keeps my rules by acting faithfully**--he is righteous; he shall surely live, declares the Lord GOD.

Nehemiah 5:9-12 So I said, "The thing that you are doing is not good. Ought you not to walk in the fear of our God to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies? Moreover, I and my brothers and my servants are lending them money and grain. Let us abandon this exacting of interest. Return to them this very day their fields, their vineyards, their olive orchards, and their houses, and the percentage of money, grain, wine, and oil that you have been exacting from them." Then they said, "We will restore these and require nothing from them. We will do as you say." And **I called the priests and made them swear to do as they had promised.**

Exodus 22:26-27 If ever you take your neighbor's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And **if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.**

Proverb 20:16 **Take a man's garment when he has put up security for a stranger**, and hold it in pledge when he puts up security for foreigners.

Proverb 22:26-27 Be not one of those who give pledges, who put up security for debts. **If you have nothing with which to pay**, why should your bed be taken from under you?

Psalm 34:6-7 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Psalm 72:12-14 For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. From oppression and violence **he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Exodus 22:28 "You shall not revile God, nor curse a ruler of your people.

Act 23:2-5 And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. Then Paul said to him, "God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?" Those who stood by said, "Would you revile God's high priest?" And Paul said, "**I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'**"

Romans 13:2-6 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. **For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad**. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, **for he is God's servant for your good**. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.

Act 4:17-22 But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name." So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, **"Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."** And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

Titus 3:1-2 Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

1 Peter 2:17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. **Fear God. Honor the emperor.**

2 Peter 2:10 and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and **despise authority.** Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones,

Exodus 22:29-30 "You shall not delay to offer from the fullness of your harvest and from the outflow of your presses. The firstborn of your sons you shall give to me. You shall do the same with your oxen and with your sheep: seven days it shall be with its mother; **on the eighth day you shall give it to me.**

Proverb 3:9-10 Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Matthew 6:33-34 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Romans 8:23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, **who have the firstfruits of the Spirit**, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

James 1:18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that **we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.**

Exodus 13:1-2 The LORD said to Moses, "Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine."

Exodus 13:12-13 you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD's. Every firstborn of a donkey **you shall redeem** with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.

Deuteronomy 15:19-21 "All the firstborn males that are born of your herd and flock you shall dedicate to the LORD your God. You shall do no work with the firstborn of your herd, nor shear the firstborn of your flock. You shall eat it, you and your household, before the LORD your God year by year at the place that the LORD will choose. But **if it has any blemish, if it is lame or blind or has any serious blemish whatever, you shall not sacrifice it to the LORD your God.**

Leviticus 22:27 "When an ox or sheep or goat is born, it shall remain seven days with its mother, and **from the eighth day on it shall be acceptable as a food offering to the LORD.**

Exodus 22:31 "You shall be consecrated to me. Therefore **you shall not eat any flesh that is torn by beasts in the field; you shall throw it to the dogs.**

Leviticus 11:45 For I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. **You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy."**

1 Peter 1:15-16 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, **"You shall be holy, for I am holy."**

Leviticus 22:8 He shall not eat what dies of itself or is torn by beasts, and so make himself unclean by it: I am the LORD.'

Deuteronomy 14:21 "You shall not eat anything that has died naturally. You may give it to the sojourner who is within your towns, that he may eat it, or you may sell it to a foreigner. **For you are a people holy to the LORD your God.** "You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.

Ezekiel 4:13-15 And the LORD said, "Thus shall the people of Israel eat their bread unclean, among the nations where I will drive them." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I have never defiled myself. From my youth up till now **I have never eaten what died of itself or was torn by beasts, nor has tainted meat come into my mouth.**" Then he said to me, "See, I assign to you cow's dung instead of human dung, on which you may prepare your bread."

Ezekiel 44:31 The **priests shall not eat of anything, whether bird or beast, that has died of itself or is torn by wild animals.**

Act 10:10-16 And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. And there came a voice to him: "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "**By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.**" And the voice came to him again a second time, "**What God has made clean, do not call common.**" This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

Act 15:13-20 After they finished speaking, James replied, "**Brothers, listen to me.** Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written, "'After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it, **that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name,** says the Lord, who makes these things known from of old.' Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, but should write **to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood.**