

## Sermon Notes

### *Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen #75*

“What’s Mine is Mine and What’s Yours is Yours” – Exodus 22:1-15

#### I. Introduction.

##### A. The Great Recession and financial meltdown of 2008.

1. Great upheaval and financial loss.
2. Who was responsible and what charges were filed?

##### B. Today’s text from the Book of the Covenant

###### 1. Laws regarding four categories of property.

- a. T\_\_\_\_\_ Ex. 22:1-4.
- b. D\_\_\_\_\_ Ex. 22:5-6
- c. C\_\_\_\_\_ Ex. 22:7-13
- d. B\_\_\_\_\_ Ex. 22:14-15

###### 2. Restitution – to make w\_\_\_\_\_ or c\_\_\_\_\_.

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Theft of Property, verses 1-4

1. Concerns 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment
2. Importance of animals in the Ancient Near East
  - a. The ox – very valuable
3. Contrast with the Code of Hammurabi
4. Most buildings were made from mud bricks.
  - a. “Breaking in” NASU. Literally: “Digging through”
  - b. Time of day not a concern for Hammurabi Code.

##### B. Damage of Property, verses 5-6

1. Negligence
2. Restitution still required.

##### C. Custody of Property, verses 7-13

1. Things entrusted for safe-keeping.
2. In cases requiring investigation, the dispute was brought before the Elders.
3. Contrast with the Code of Hammurabi

##### D. Borrowing Property, verses 14-15

1. Borrowing can go wrong!
2. Contrast noted between asking to keep something safe with an individual who desires to borrow something.

##### E. Summation.

1. These laws were never intended to cover all known offenses.
  - a. They were guidelines for the judges – Elders.
2. The laws concerned living in community.
3. Contrast with other ancient Near East law codes.

#### III. A case study in restitution.

##### A. The story of Zaccheus

1. Luke 19:1-9

##### B. Tax collectors: Hated for two reasons

1. Taxation by R\_\_\_\_\_
2. Cheated from just about e\_\_\_\_\_
3. Jericho – the place to be for tax collectors.

##### C. He was a thief.

1. w\_\_\_\_\_, verse 2.
2. s\_\_\_\_\_, verse 7.
3. His c\_\_\_\_\_ of defrauding, verse 8.

##### D. Repentance – a change of t\_\_\_\_\_ and l\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Verse 8.
2. He went above and beyond what was required.
3. No cheap grace!

#### IV. Points for Reflection

- A. Love your neighbor as yourself.
- B. When you are in the wrong, look to Zaccheus as your model.
- C. Restitution is definitely out of favor in our society.
- D. Note that some breaches of the Moral Law provide **NO** restitutionary process.
- E. Trust your elders to settle disputes.