

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen #76

“Character Counts and the Law Displays God’s Character”
Exodus 22:16-17

I. Introduction.

A. Laborious reading.

1. Philip Ryken.

B. Today’s text

1. The Law reveals God’s character.

2. Exodus 22:16-17

II. Exposition.

A. The problem of premarital sex.

1. All case law emanates from the Moral Law.

2. Verses 16-17

a. Related to the 7th Commandment.

b. This is not a case of rape.

1. Death penalty for rape – Deut. 22:25-27.

c. Consensual

1. John Currid.

d. “Pay as a dowry” (NASU) or “Bride Price”

1. Suggests buying and selling, but this is not the case.

a. John MacKay

2. Actually a guarantee for the prospective bride.

a. Possible text support – Rachel: Genesis 24:53.

3. Pastor Don’s view

a. Paid to the father in behalf of the daughter.

b. Loss of virginity could be a likely problem for a future suitor.

1. Deuteronomy 22:13-21

c. Men are notorious for desiring the p_____ of sex without the r_____ of marriage.

4. The father could refuse.

a. The sex act itself did not constitute a marriage union.

b. Strong incentive for a male suitor to be circumspect.

c. Refusal did not negate payment.

d. Review of what takes place before wedding vows are exchanged.

1. Men 1_____

2. Women are g_____

e. Illustration of how much a man loves his prospective wife.

III. Points for Reflection

A. Sex is a good and healthy expression of a devoted love between a woman and man.

B. Young people possess your vessel in honor.

C. Gentlemen, the buck stops with you.

D. While there is no restitutionary process for sexual sin, it is not the unpardonable sin.