

Homework for January 4th, 2014

Text: Exodus 20:13 - 21:36

Here is your mission should you decide to accept it...

1. Lori - 20:13 with an excursion into Matthew 5:21-26
2. Greg & Carol - 20:16 with some explanation of how being in the covenant brings a protection as regards a rigged judicial process.
3. Lauren, Anna, Paul, Isaiah - 20:26 Please explain why the better solution isn't just putting on some pants - Discussion of modesty
4. Dave - 21:1 & 21: 24-25 (lex talionis) with an excursion into Matthew 5:38-42 - Statutes and the "Mispatim"
5. Julie - 21:22-23 Tell us what happens when a third party is injured (by accident) in a fight?
6. Lee - 21:1-36 The humane treatment of slaves within the family of covenant
7. All others - In a sense, the Decalogue is an implicit list of social rights, granted and enforced by the Sovereign one in the covenant in exchange for Israel's exclusive obedience in the covenant. These include weekly rest, respect from one's children, security from murder, secure possession of one's wife, secure possession of one's property, and security from an unrighteous judicial process. Let's discuss these from the perspective of what it means to be in the covenant and what these mean for those who are outside of the covenant but interact with us.

See you there!

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