

## OT Laws Concerning Loyalty to God Exodus 22:18,20, 28-31; etc.

Main Idea: God has commanded his people to be loyal to him and to give him what he requires.

- Remove any occult practices (Exodus 22:18; Leviticus 19:26; Deuteronomy 18:9-14)

<sup>18</sup> "You shall not allow a sorceress to live. Exodus 22:18 (NASB)

<sup>26</sup> "You shall not eat *anything* with the blood, nor practice divination or soothsaying. Leviticus 19:26 (NASB)

- Do not worship any other gods. (Exodus 22:20; 23:13; Deuteronomy 17:2-7)

<sup>20</sup> "He who sacrifices to any god, other than to the Lord alone, shall be utterly destroyed. Exodus 22:20

<sup>13</sup> "Now concerning everything which I have said to you, be on your guard; and do not mention the name of other gods, nor let *them* be heard from your mouth. Exodus 23:13 (NASB)

<sup>18</sup> Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices. <sup>19</sup> And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and *began* burning them in the sight of everyone; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. <sup>20</sup> So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing. Acts 19:18-20 (NASB)

<sup>8</sup> "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." Revelation 21:8 (NASB)

<sup>19</sup> Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, Galatians 5:19-20 (NASB)

<sup>19</sup> What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? <sup>20</sup> No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons. <sup>21</sup> You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. 1 Corinthians 10:19-21 (NASB)

- Do not dishonor God or his appointed authority (Exodus 22:28; Leviticus 24:15-16)

<sup>28</sup> "You shall not curse God, nor curse a ruler of your people. Exodus 22:28 (NASB)

<sup>15</sup> "You shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'If anyone curses his God, then he will bear his sin.

<sup>16</sup> ~'Moreover, the one who blasphemes the name of the Lord shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him. The alien as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death. Leviticus 24:15-16 (NASB)

- Give God the best of what you have (Exodus 22:29-31)

<sup>29</sup> "You shall not delay *the offering from* your harvest and your vintage. The firstborn of your sons you shall give to Me. <sup>30</sup> "You shall do the same with your oxen *and* with your sheep. It shall be with its mother seven days; on the eighth day you shall give it to Me. <sup>31</sup> "You shall be holy men to Me, therefore you shall not eat *any flesh torn to pieces in the field; you shall throw it to the dogs.* Exodus 22:29-31 (NASB)

- Give God wholehearted corporate worship (Exodus 23:14-17; 34:22-24)

<sup>14</sup> "Three times a year you shall celebrate a feast to Me. <sup>15</sup> "You shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread; for seven days you are to eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the appointed time in the month Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. And none shall appear before Me empty-handed. <sup>16</sup> "Also *you shall observe* the Feast of the Harvest *of* the first fruits of your labors *from* what you sow in the field; also the Feast of the Ingathering at the end of the year when you gather in *the fruit of* your labors from the field. <sup>17</sup> "Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord GOD. Exodus 23:14-17 (NASB)

<sup>21</sup> "You shall work six days, but on the seventh day you shall rest; *even* during plowing time and harvest you shall rest. <sup>22</sup> "You shall celebrate the Feast of Weeks, *that is*, the first fruits of the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the turn of the year. <sup>23</sup> "Three times a year all your males are to appear before the Lord GOD, the God of Israel. <sup>24</sup> "For I will drive out nations before you and enlarge your borders, and no man shall covet your land when you go up three times a year to appear before the Lord your God. Exodus 34:21-24 (NASB)

- Maintain the purity of your worship (Exodus 23:18-19)

<sup>18</sup> "You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread; nor is the fat of My feast to remain overnight until morning. <sup>19</sup> "You shall bring the choice first fruits of your soil into the house of the Lord your God. "You are not to boil a young goat in the milk of its mother. Exodus 23:18-19 (NASB)