

Ex. 22:1-15

# ***Restitution and Restoration***

## **The Eighth Word, Part Three**

Sermon Notes for July 17, 2011 by Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

**Intro** The Coming of Jesus, the Regeneration and Restoration of All Things - Matt. 19:28; Acts 3:21

Desiring the Kingdom: Worship, Worldview, and Cultural Formation (Cultural Liturgies) by James K. A. Smith - Homo Sapien, Homo Adorans and Homo Liturgicus - Liturgical Reforming of Our Animality  
"Monotonous repetition is the mother of mastery." ~ Tony Robbins

Restitution, Restoration and Liturgy

Where We're Going:

July 10 - Mal. 3:8-12 Robbing God

July 17 - Ex. 22:1-17 The 8th Word and Restitution

July 24 - Jer. 7:5-7 The 8th Word and Social Justice

July 31 - Dt. 21:15-22:7 Stealing Freedom

August 7 - Lev. 19:11-12. I Fell Into A Burning Ring of Fire

- I. Shalom and Shalam
- II. An Overview of the Text (See Attached)
- III. Implications of the Text
  - A. The Intrusion of God Upon the "Free Market" (No Unmediated Relationships)
  - B. The Community Blessings of Borrowing and Renting
    - 1. In the Exercise of Dominion – Efficiencies, Yet Private Ownership Is Preserved
    - 2. In the Development of Character (Service); Responsibility; The Removal of Suspicion – Phil. 2:1-8
  - C. Restitution, Atonement and Forgiveness
  - D. We Can Barely See the Shore
- IV. The Big Picture, the Reversal of the Curse - 2 Ki. 4:1-7 & 6:1-7; and the Center of the Book of Kings
  - I. War with Moab, 3:1-27
    - J. Elisha provides for indebted widow, 4:1-7
      - K. Elisha raises Shunammite's son, 4:8-37
        - L. Elisha heals the poison stew, 4:38-41
          - L<sup>1</sup>. Elisha feeds 100 men, 4:42-44
        - K<sup>1</sup>. Elisha heals Naaman the leper, 5:1-27
      - J<sup>1</sup>. Elisha recovers a borrowed axe head, 6:1-7
    - I<sup>1</sup>. War with Syria, 6:8-7:20

**Conclusion** - Shalom, Shalam, Salem and Zaccheus - How Shall We Then Live?

## Overview of Exodus 22:1-15

- I. Seven Cases of Unauthorized Use of Another's Property
  - A. Five Cases Involving Violation of Property (vv. 1-4)
    - 1. Three Cases Concerning Theft and Restitution - v. 1, 3b, 4)
      - a. Multiple Restitution for Theft of Ox or Sheep , Sold or Slaughtered - v. 1
      - b. Slavery for the Impoverished Thief - v. 3b; Matt. 5:26; 18:23
      - c. 2x Restitution for Theft of Ox, Donkey or Sheep, In Thief's Possession -v. 4

### Degrees of Restitution in the Bible

120% Self-confessed Thief (Lev. 5:14-16; 6:1-5; 22:14; Num. 5:5-8)

200% Theft of Inanimate Objects, Animate Objects in His Possession (Ex. 22:4, 7)

400% Theft of Sheep, Not In His Hand (Ex. 22:1)

500% - Theft of Oxen, Not In His Hand (Ex. 22:1)

700% - Theft of Food (Prov. 6:30,31)

- 2. Two Cases Concerning the Act of Unlawful Entering (3a, 4b)
  - a. Self-defense From Thief at Night May Include the Thief's Death - v. 2
  - b. Defense From Thief With "Sun Risen" May NOT Include Thief's Death  
J.B. Jordan - Sun-rising of Identification (Gen. 1:5) and Clarity;  
Sun-rising of Strength (Judges 5:31; Gen. 32:31; Ps. 19:4-6)

- B. Two Cases of Pollution (Inadvertent Damage to Property) - vv. 5-6
  - 1. Damage From Unrestrained ("lets loose," not "drive") Animals (Dt. 23:24,25)  
Simple Restitution From Steward of Animal
  - 2. Damage From Unrestrained Fire  
Fire to Thorns to Harvested Grain, Mature Grain, or Immature Grain  
Simple Restitution From Steward of Fire

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- II. Eight Case of Problems Stemming from the Authorized Use of Property ( vv. 7-15)
  - A. Five Cases of Bailment or Safe-keeping vv. 7-13
    - 1. Two Cases of Safe-kept inanimate objects – v. 7-9
      - a. Stolen, thief caught – double restitution – v.7
      - b. Stolen, no thief caught – inquiry, 0-2X restitution – v. 8-9
    - 2. Three Cases of Safe-kept Animate Objects – v. 10-13
      - a. Damaged or lost, not stolen – no restitution from steward – v. 10,11
      - b. Stolen, thief caught in act – owner restituted, steward rewarded – v. 12
      - c. If killed by beast, evidence (if available) required – v. 13; Gen. 31:39
  - B. Three Cases of Borrowing or Rented Property vv. 14-15
    - 1. Owner not Present – 1x Restitution v. 14
    - 2. Owner Present – No Restitution – v. 15a
    - 3. Hired animate and inanimate objects damaged – no restitution – v. 15b