

Exodus 21:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

If he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote him be quit: only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed.

Analysis

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This judgment (mishpat) from the Book of the Covenant applies moral law to civil society. God's justice is comprehensive—addressing economic disputes, family relations, and community welfare. The case laws teach covenant people how to love God and neighbor practically. Through detailed ordinances, God shapes Israel as holy nation, distinct from pagan neighbors. These laws reveal God's character: just, merciful, concerned with details of everyday life.

Historical Context

The Book of the Covenant (Exodus 20:22-23:33) is Israel's foundational legal code, predating later expansions in Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. It addresses civil, criminal, and ceremonial matters.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does this law reveal God's character—His justice, mercy, or holiness?
2. What New Testament principles build upon or fulfill this Old Testament regulation?

Interlinear Text

אִם	יָקוּם	וְהִתְהַלֵּךְ	בַּח וַיֵּץ	עַל	מִשְׁעֵנֹתָו	וְיִנְקֶה
H518	If he rise again	and walk	abroad	H5921	upon his staff	him be quit
	H6965	H1980	H2351		H4938	H5352
	הַמֶּכֶה	כִּי	שָׁבַת	וְיִתֵּן		
	then shall he that smote	H7535	for the loss of his time	only he shall pay		
	H5221		H7674	H5414		
	יִרְפָּא:		יִרְפָּא:			
	and shall cause him to be thoroughly		and shall cause him to be thoroughly			
	H7495		H7495			

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