

# Exodus 22:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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This ordinance reveals God's comprehensive justice—regulating economic transactions, property rights, and social relationships. The mishpatim create framework for covenant community to flourish. Each law applies broader principles: love God supremely, love neighbor practically. Modern believers aren't bound by ceremonial laws but should pursue their spirit—justice, mercy, and faithfulness (Matthew 23:23). God's character revealed in law guides Christian ethics.

## Historical Context

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These civil regulations distinguished Israel from surrounding nations, creating a society reflecting God's justice. The laws balance individual rights with community welfare, property rights with compassion for the poor.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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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

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שְׁבַעַת	יְהוָה	תְּהִיָּה	בֵּין	שְׁנֵיהֶם	אֵם
Then shall an oath	of the LORD	H1961	H996	be between them both	H518
H7621	H3068			H8147	
לֹא	שָׂלַח	יָדוֹ	בְּמַלְאָכָת	רֵעֵהוּ	
H3808	that he hath not put	his hand	goods	unto his neighbour's	
	H7971	H3027	H4399	H7453	
וְלָקַח	בְּעָלָיו	וְלֹא	יַשְׁלֵם:		
of it shall accept	and the owner	H3808	thereof and he shall not make it good		
H3947	H1167		H7999		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Hebrews 6:16** (Parallel theme): For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.