

Exodus 22:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For that is his covering only, it is his raiment for his skin: wherein shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto me, that I will hear; for I am gracious.

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

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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

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

הָ וָאֵ כִּי	כְסוּתָהּ	הָ וָאֵ לְבָדָהּ	שְׂמָלָתָהּ
H3588	H1931	H905	H1931
	For that is his covering		only it is his raiment
	H3682		H8071
לְעֹרָהּ	בְּמָהּ	יִשְׁכָּב	כִּי וְהִיא
H5785	H4100	H7901	H1961
for his skin		wherein shall he sleep	H3588
וְיָצֵא קוֹל	אֵלַי	וְשָׁמַעְתִּי	כִּי
H6817	H413	H8085	H3588
and it shall come to pass when he crieth		unto me that I will hear	
חַנּוּן אֲנִי			
H2587	H589		
for I am gracious			

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 34:6 (Grace): And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

2 Chronicles 30:9 (Grace): For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him.

Psalms 86:15 (Grace): But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

Psalms 34:6 (Parallel theme): This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

Psalms 72:12 (Parallel theme): For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.

Exodus 22:23 (Parallel theme): If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry;

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