

JUSTIFIED TO DO JUSTICE

LEARNING TO LOVE AS WE'VE BEEN LOVED



**Justice is when everything
is as it should be.**

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Deuteronomy



**Old Testament Law is not a
universal “**blueprint**”
for a just society.**



What was the **purpose of
the Old Testament Law?**

Deuteronomy 15:12

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¹² "If your brother, a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you, he shall serve you six years, and in the seventh year you shall **let him go free** from you.

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Deuteronomy 15:13–14

ESV

¹³ And when you let him go free from you, you shall **not let him go empty-handed**. ¹⁴ You shall furnish him **liberally** out of your **flock**, out of your **threshing floor**, and out of your **winepress**. As the LORD your God has **blessed** you, you shall **give** to him.

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Deuteronomy 15:15

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¹⁵ You shall **remember that you were a slave** in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you; therefore I command you this today.

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Deuteronomy 15:16–17

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¹⁶ But if he says to you, 'I will not go out from you,' because he **loves you** and your household, since he is **well-off with you**, ¹⁷ then you shall take an awl, and put it through his ear into the door, and he shall be your slave forever. And to your female slave you shall do the same.

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Deuteronomy 15:18

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¹⁸ It shall not seem hard to you when you let him go free from you, for at half the cost of a hired worker he has served you six years. So the LORD your God will bless you in all that you do.

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Deuteronomy 24:17–18

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¹⁷ “You shall not **pervert the justice due** to the **sojourner** or to the **fatherless**, or take a **widow’s** garment in pledge, ¹⁸ but you shall **remember that you were a slave** in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.

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Deuteronomy 24:19

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¹⁹ “When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it. It shall be for the **sojourner**, the **fatherless**, and the **widow**, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

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Deuteronomy 24:20–21

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²⁰ When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over them again. It shall be for the **sojourner**, the **fatherless**, and the **widow**. ²¹ When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not strip it afterward. It shall be for the **sojourner**, the **fatherless**, and the **widow**.

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Deuteronomy 24:22

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²² You shall **remember that you were a slave** in the land of Egypt; therefore **I command you** to do this.

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**Pursue *justice* by doing for others
what *Jesus* did for you.**

1 John 3:16–18

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¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

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