

- g) What character traits do you think God is reinforcing in verse 13? What about verse 14? Do these two come from the same heart attitude?

- h) In verse 15, does God's attitude toward the poor surprise you? What does this say about God's viewpoint on justice?

- i) How do you think the two statements in verse 16 are tied together?

- j) Verses 17 - 18 address our heart attitude toward others. Can you recall any of Yeshua's comments on this topic? How important do you think this command is?

- k) What do you think God intended with the instructions in verse 19?

- l) Do you think the situation described in verses 20 - 22 has any cultural significance for today or did it apply only to social customs at the time it was written?

- m) What restrictions were placed on the fruit from a newly planted orchard? What do you think the effects of this command would be?

- n) Verses 26 - 32 seem to list a hodge-podge of commands. Which ones do you find particularly interesting? Can you find anything that ties them together?

- o) How were the Israelites to treat strangers living in their land? What was God's rationale for this command?

- p) Why do you think the instructions given in verses 35 and 36 are important to God?

2. Punishment for Sins - 20:1-27

- a) What punishment does God decree for one "who gives any of his children to Molech"? What do you think it meant to do this? Did this command apply only to Israelites?

- b) What was the punishment for consulting mediums and spiritists? Who carried out this punishment? What happened to one who was a medium or spiritist?

- c) Can you paraphrase the admonition given in verse 7?

- d) List the specific sins mentioned in this chapter that are punishable by death. What do you think is meant by "his blood will be on his own head"? What insight does this give you into God's view of sexual sin?

- e) What punishments are required for some of the "lesser" sins described in this chapter? Who do you think carries out these punishments?

- f) According to verse 22, why **should** the Israelites keep these commandments? According to verse 26, why does God **want** the Israelites to keep his commandments?

