



Sermon Notes – November 11, 2018

[#55] *The False Testimony of Dishonor*

Deuteronomy 24:8–25:4

## Children's Sermon: Why We Matter!

**Illustration:** Smashing a Lego Creation

Who made you?

Do you matter to God?

**Matthew 10:29–31 (NIV84)**

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

When we learnt to trust & follow Jesus... "new creations"

## Why do People Matter?

Notes:

**Psalms 8:1–9**

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, <sup>4</sup> **what is man that you are mindful of him**, and the son of man that you care for him? <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup> You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, <sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, <sup>8</sup> the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. <sup>9</sup> O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

- All Creation is Valuable...God's Glory
- Stewards of God's Creatures

**All God's Creatures Have Value...**

**Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...**

God wants Israel to "tell the truth" in their relationships.



**True Testimony toward God's Representatives (24:8-9)**

<sup>8</sup> "Take care, in a case of leprous disease, to *be very careful to do according to all that the Levitical priests shall direct*

*you. As I commanded them,* so you shall be careful to do. <sup>9</sup>  
Remember what the Lord your God did to Miriam on the way  
as you came out of Egypt.

### **False Testimony against Poor Neighbors (24:10-15)**

Concerning a Pledge for a Loan

<sup>10</sup> “When you make your neighbor a loan of any sort, *you shall not go into his house to collect his pledge.* <sup>11</sup> You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you make the loan shall bring the pledge out to you.

<sup>12</sup> And if he is a **poor man**, *you shall not sleep in his pledge.*

<sup>13</sup> You shall restore to him the pledge as the sun sets, that he may sleep in his cloak and bless you. And **it shall be righteousness for you before the Lord your God.**

Concerning Paying a Hired Worker Who is Poor

<sup>14</sup> “You shall not **oppress a hired worker who is poor and needy**, whether he is *one of your brothers or one of the sojourners* who are in your land within your towns. <sup>15</sup> *You shall give him his wages on the same day*, before the sun sets (for he is poor and counts on it), **lest he cry against you to the Lord, and you be guilty of sin.**

Concerning those Guilty by Association

<sup>16</sup> “Fathers shall not be put to death because of their children, nor shall children be put to death because of their fathers. *Each one shall be put to death for his own sin.*

### **Do Not Pervert Justice (24:17-25:4)**

Treat the Poor & Defenseless with Dignity

<sup>10</sup> “When you make your neighbor a loan of any sort, *you shall not go into his house to collect his pledge.* <sup>11</sup> You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you make the loan shall bring the pledge out to you.

<sup>17</sup> “**You shall not pervert the justice** due to the sojourner or to the fatherless, or *take a widow’s garment in pledge,* <sup>18</sup> 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.**

<sup>19</sup> “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. <sup>20</sup> When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over them again. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> You shall **remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt**; therefore I command you to do this.

Treat the Convicted Criminal with Dignity

<sup>1</sup> “If there is a dispute between men and they come into court and the judges decide between them, acquitting the innocent and condemning the guilty, <sup>2</sup> then if the guilty man deserves to be beaten, the judge shall cause him to lie down and be **beaten** in his presence *with a number of stripes in proportion to his offense.* <sup>3</sup> **Forty stripes may be given him, but not more, lest**, if one should go on to beat him with more stripes than these, *your brother be degraded in your sight.*

Treat your Animals with Dignity

<sup>4</sup> “**You shall not muzzle an ox** when it is treading out the grain.

## Do We Value People/God?

*...Fired at our Life & Heart*

How we treat people, and especially Christians, is a public testimony.



**Are you obeying the Elders of your local church?**

**Hebrews 13:17**

<sup>17</sup> Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

- ✓ Are you a member?
- ✓ Do you ask for help?

**Are you tempted to think that your poverty/weakness makes you less valuable?**

- ✓ Economic?
- ✓ Physical?
- ✓ Spiritual?

**Remember the Gospel**

**Isaiah 53:3–5**

<sup>3</sup> *He was despised and rejected by men*, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their

faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet *we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God*, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> **But** he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

**Next Sunday: God's Love for the Poor**