

Veritas Class
Covenant Righteousness for the Glory of God
March 29, 2015
Deuteronomy 24:10–15

Maintaining Righteousness in Social and Economic Relationships (24:6–22)

A. The Righteous Treatment of the Poor (Part 1): Depriving a Person of Access to Food (v. 6)

B. The Righteous Treatment of the Poor (Part 2): Depriving a Poor Person of Life Itself (v. 7)

[Parenthesis 1: The Righteous Treatment of Serious Skin Diseases (vv. 8–9)]

C. The Righteous Treatment of the Poor (Part 3): Depriving a Poor Person of Clothing (vv. 10–13)

Exodus 22:25–27	Deuteronomy 24:10–13
<p>If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a moneylender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him.</p> <p>If ever you take your neighbor's cloak in pledge, you shall restore it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.</p>	<p>When you make your neighbor a loan of any sort, you shall not go into his house to collect his pledge. You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you make the loan shall bring the pledge out to you.</p> <p>And if he is a poor man, you shall not sleep in his pledge. 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 YHWH your God.</p>

1. The Issue: A Loan of any Sort
2. The Concern: Respecting personal space
3. The Nature of the Pledge

Proverbs 20:16

Job 22:6

Amos 2:6–8

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4. Incentives for Compliance
 - a. The debtor will bless the lender.
 - b. YHWH will acknowledge the creditor as righteous.

D. Depriving Hired Hands of Their Rightful Due (vv. 14–15)

1. Who is the potential victim of abuse?
2. What is his status?
3. How shall the hired hand be treated?
4. Why should he be treated this way?
 - a. The Effects of Non-compliance on the Worker
 - (1) The man is destitute (*ʿānî*)
 - (2) The man is dependent on it
 - b. The Effects of Non-compliance on the Land-Owner
 - (1) That the hireling not cry out to God against the land-owner.
 - (2) That the land-owner not be guilty of sin.