

Veritas Class
Covenant Righteousness for the Glory of God
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Deuteronomy 24:17–25:3

G. The Righteous Treatment of the Poor (Part 7): Depriving the Poor of Food (vv. 17)

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 YHWH your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.	When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over them again. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow.	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.
You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this.		

Lessons on Righteousness:

1. Moses adds widows to the poor and the alien.
2. Moses applies the policy to all produce that the ground yields through human cultivation.
3. Moses injunction seeks to instill in the people a spirit of conscious generosity that goes far beyond the original legislation.
4. Moses maintains the dignity of the marginalized by reminding landowners of their legal and moral obligation to allow them access to the produce of the ground.
5. Moses seeks to motivate his people to be generous toward the poor by tying the nation's well-being to landowners' generosity to those who are economically marginalized.
6. Moses seeks to motivate his people to be generous toward the poor by challenging them to live in the present in the light of Yahweh's past grace.

Conclusion: Boaz a model of Deuteronomic righteousness.

H. Setting Limits on Corporal Punishment (25:1–3)

1. The Principle (v. 1)
2. The Response to a Guilty Person (v. 2)
3. The Caution (v. 3)
 - a. The punishment is to be carried out under the supervision of the judge, who orders the guilty person to fall down the ground to receive the strokes.
 - b. The number of strokes to be applied to the back of the offender is to be correlated with the severity of the crime.
 - c. Under no circumstances were the lashes/strokes to exceed forty.
 - d. The restriction arises out of concern for the dignity even of a guilty person; to prevent excessive public humiliation of one's own kinsmen.