

**SERMON SERIES**  
**EXODUS, PART 2:**  
**“OUR GUIDE THROUGH THE WILDERNESS”**  
**“GRACIOUSLY GUIDING THEM THROUGH THE LAW”**  
**Exodus 22:16 – 23:9**  
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**I. Our gracious God protects young women. (22:16-17)**

*“If a man seduces a virgin who is not betrothed”  
“give the bride-price ... make her his wife”*

**Application:** Jesus purifies the fallen & helps us honor one another.

**Deuteronomy 22:28-29**  
**1 Corinthians 6:9-11**  
**1 Thessalonians 4:3-6**

*“(Grace) is part of his character and nature that he responds to the world in merciful ways.”*  
-John Currid

**II. Our gracious God protects resident aliens. (22:21; 23:9)**

*“shall not wrong ... or oppress”*

**Application:** Graciously welcome the sojourner and don't take advantage of them.

**Leviticus 19:33-34**

*“In the Hebrew Bible the alien (ger) was a person who entered Israel and followed legal procedures to obtain recognized standing as a resident alien.”*  
-James Hoffmeier

**III. Our gracious God protects orphans and widows. (22:22-24)**

*"You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child."*

*"they cry out to me and I will surely hear their cry"*

**Application:** Churches should graciously care for the needs of widows and orphans.

**Deuteronomy 24:19**

**Psalms 68:5**

**1 Timothy 5:3**

**James 1:27**

**IV. Our gracious God protects the poor. (22:25-26; 23:6-8)**

*"If you lend money ... you shall not be like the moneylender ... not exact interest"*

*"for I am compassionate"*

*"pervert justice due to your poor"*

**Application:** Graciously help the poor in times of need.

**Deuteronomy 15:3; 24:14-15**

**Psalms 112:5**

**James 2:5-6**