

## DEUTERONOMY 24

### DOES GOD CARE ABOUT THE LITTLE THINGS THAT HAPPEN IN OUR LIVES? PART 2

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#### **Introduction: Psalm 1**

#### **Law concerning divorce that can result in an abomination before God. Vv1-4 (Mat 19:1-10, God's intent and man's hardness of heart), (Mat 5:31-32)**

24 "When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house, 2 when she has departed from his house, and goes and becomes another man's wife, 3 if the latter husband detests her and writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her as his wife, 4 then her former husband who divorced her must not take her back to be his wife after she has been defiled; for that is an abomination (detestable thing) before the Lord, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance.

#### **The honeymoon is designed to bring happiness to the bride. V5**

5 "When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business; he shall be free at home one year and bring happiness (learn how to make love) to his wife whom he has taken.

#### **A person's means of making a living is very special to the Lord. V6**

6 "No man shall take the lower or the upper millstone (two stones, the top moved over the bottom; the bottom was stationary. To take a man's life in pledge will hinder him from making a living) in pledge, for he takes one's living in pledge.

#### **Kidnapping as a sin is a form of evil in the sight of the Lord and is worthy of death. V7**

7 "If a man is found kidnapping (stealing, Ex 21:16, Deut. 5:19) any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and mistreats him or sells him, then that kidnapper shall die; and you shall put away the evil from among you.

**Divine Punishment: To speak evil against leadership was to challenge the sovereignty of God Himself and thus to invite His swift and sure retribution. V8-9**

8 “Take heed in an outbreak of leprosy (divine judgment), that you carefully observe and do according to all that the priests, the Levites, shall teach you; just as I commanded them, so you shall be careful to do. 9 Remember what the Lord your God did to Miriam on the way when you came out of Egypt! (Num 12)

**Respecting human dignity is a form of righteousness before God. That is, it is a deed that conforms with covenant expectations and norms. Vv10-13**

10 “When you lend your brother anything, you shall not go into his house to get his pledge. (the dignity of the borrow) 11 You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you lend shall bring the pledge out to you. 12 And if the man is poor, you shall not keep his pledge overnight. 13 You shall in any case return the pledge to him again when the sun goes down, that he may sleep in his own garment and bless you; and it shall be righteousness to you before the Lord your God.

**We must make good on money promises for it is a source of wellbeing for others. Vv14-15 (Mat 20:1-16)**

14 “You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether one of your brethren or one of the aliens who is in your land within your gates. 15 Each day you shall give him his wages, and not let the sun go down on it, for he is poor and has set his heart on it; lest he cry out against you to the Lord, and it be sin to you. (Lev 19:13)

**We are responsible to God as individuals. V16**

16 “Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.

**God so cares for the less fortunate that He makes it a command to execute justice to them. V17-18**

17 “You shall not pervert justice due the stranger or the fatherless, nor take a widow’s garment as a pledge. 18 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 thing.

**God’s care for the needs of His creation. Vv19-22 (Book of Ruth; Mat 6:25-34)**

19 “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 stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. 20 When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. 21 When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean it afterward; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. 22 And you shall

remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore, I command you to do this thing.”