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YEHOVAH's Law and Our Neighbor

Lesson 22

An Open Letter from the Staff...

While the Ten Commandments (Words) are universally accepted as the highest moral code, there are other God-given laws which define TRUE STANDARDS of wealth, monetary regulations, taxation, interest, debt and all other aspects of the moral, social and economic life of the individual, family and nation. We are bound by these laws just as surely as we bound by the Ten Commandments.

From the internal evidence in the Bible, it is shown that YEHOVAH God's laws have NEVER been abrogated. Law-abiding Christians, Bible teachers, and every student of political economy, should read and study the whole body of YEHOVAH's laws given in the Bible -- for while they are frequently mentioned, their application is usually misunderstood.

It is a FACT that we face the rule of law or the rule of CHAOS! This lesson sets forth the justice, equity and righteousness of YEHOVAH's Law, which is destined to soon become the law of our land and the law of the entire world.

When the entire range of YEHOVAH's jurisprudence is fully understood, and its precepts are OBEYED, individual prosperity and national well-being will be the happy lot of this world's peoples.

As long as the children of Israel obeyed YEHOVAH's laws, they prospered in ALL things but when they turned away from these laws DIRE TROUBLE and DEFEAT attended them until they finally came back under YEHOVAH's Laws -- our God being a loving and forgiving God!

When men come to a realization that the commandments apply to individual conduct, the statutes to national administration, and the judgments to decisions rendered under both, then there will come an understanding of the law which will lay a foundation on which to build.



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LESSON 22

When people come to the realization of the national need of keeping YEHOVAH's commandments, statutes and judgments for the first time, they often ask the question -- "What can we do about it?" It is, of course, impossible for any individual to put into operation the statutes of NATIONAL administration; but we can, insofar as national VIOLATION of such laws are concerned, point out the righteousness of the law and complain about its violation. In so doing we can call attention to the penalties being exacted from us as a nation today for such violation.

Essentially it is a work of WITNESSING: a voice in the wilderness, so to speak, calling ATTENTION to the ways of righteousness, pointing out the NEED of a NATIONAL RESTORATION of the administration of all of YEHOVAH's laws in order to secure the BLESSINGS of peace and prosperity.

Individually we do not have to wait until the nation makes that restoration before COMPLYING with the law and coming under its BENEFITS. Many of the requirements of YEHOVAH's law can now be kept by individuals -- such as the rules for health as well as the required attitude towards YEHOVAH God and towards our fellow man. As a result, while it is impossible to have the perfection of administration and peace promised as the result of the NATION administering the commandments, statutes and judgments as the law of the land yet, inasmuch as the law applies to the INDIVIDUAL, we can conform with its requirements.

It should be self-evident that the keeping of EVERY requirement of the Ten Commandments brings its own specific blessing and an inward spiritual peace. This, then, is the answer for those who -- having heard of the need

of keeping YEHOVAH's law and of its national administration -- voice the question as to WHAT individuals can do about it!

The relationship of man to YEHOVAH God is set forth in the first half of the Ten Commandments. There can be no orderly society where these requirements are ignored. Unless men PLACE YEHOVAH GOD FIRST, and recognize their proper relationship to Him, men are INCAPABLE of keeping a proper relationship with their neighbor.

Immediately following the requirements governing man's relationship to Yehovah God, the LORD sets forth the relationship of men -- one to the other.

Domestic tranquillity is IMPOSSIBLE in any community that ignores these laws. Therefore, while the GREATEST of all commandments is to love YEHOVAH God with all your heart, the second is like unto it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

The Sixth Commandment

1. No man can violate the last five commandments (beginning with the sixth) and love his neighbor as himself. What does the sixth commandment state? **Exodus 20:13** and **Deuteronomy 5:17**.

COMMENT: There will be men who will violate this law, for unless authority is vested in some organization with POWER to enforce its observance, society will suffer from the result of violence and crime. Because this is so, YEHOVAH God authorized the establishment of governments, delegating to man the power to administer His laws and authorizing the bringing to justice of the individual who violates His commandments.

2. Read **I Samuel 8:19-22**, **I Samuel 10:1** and **I Samuel 10:25**.

COMMENT: Individuals have NO



Statue of Moses Holding the Tablets of Stone Containing the Ten Commandments.

RIGHT to set up a standard of personal conduct! That has already been done by YEHOVAH God through the Ten Commandments. It is equally true that NO NATION has a right to say what type of punishment shall be meted out to those who violate any of the commandments. The punishments have ALREADY been declared by the statutes and judgments of YEHOVAH.

Capital Punishment Mandatory

1. What was the original statute regarding capital punishment? **Genesis 9:6**.
2. This original statute was ENLARGED upon by a statute given to Israel at Mount Sinai.

Read **Numbers 35:24-33**.

COMMENT: Here are the same verses in **Numbers 35** rendered by *The Revised Standard Version*. Notice! "...Then the congregation [i.e., the governmental assembly of Israel] shall judge between the manslayer [the one who has taken life] and the avenger of blood [the executioner]...And these things shall be for a statute and ordinance to you throughout your generations in all your dwellings. If anyone kills a person, the murderer **SHALL BE PUT TO DEATH**...Moreover you shall accept no ransom for the life of a murderer, **WHO IS GUILTY OF DEATH** [not even the substitution of life imprisonment]; but **HE SHALL BE PUT TO DEATH**...You shall not thus pollute the land in which you live; for blood pollutes the land; and no expiation can be made for the land, for the blood that is shed in it, **EXCEPT BY THE BLOOD OF HIM WHO SHED IT.**"

COMMENT: Under this law every nation is fully justified in executing the murderer. This law makes such execution **MANDATORY** and the nation that refuses to carry out this law is **GUILTY** of failure to administer justice in the land. Such failure will result in a **LAND FILLED WITH VIOLENCE AND CRIME**.

3. In order to **PROTECT** the man whose duty it is to execute the criminal, a judgment was rendered under this sixth commandment. Notice **Numbers 35:27**.

COMMENT: Contrary to popular belief, the Bible **DOES NOT** hold life cheaply. It is a serious thing in YEHOVAH's eyes to take life, and for the taking of life the murderer **FORFEITS** his life.

4. But those who **ACCIDENTLY** cause the death of another are confined in a **CITY OF REFUGE** until the death of the High Priest. This is covered in **Numbers 35:22-28**.

COMMENT: In some cases this might amount to life imprisonment. Such a law certainly produced respect for life and made a man careful of the life of his fellowman. If this law was in operation today automobile accidents

would be reduced to a minimum. A driver of a car would be as careful of the life of another's husband, wife, daughter and son as he would be of his own loved ones, for none would want to forfeit his freedom.

Swiftness of Justice

It has been a fact of American history that when crime becomes intolerable the Anglo-Saxon mind unconsciously reverts to the ancient Israelite laws of administration. This was evident in the early days of the West, in the organization of vigilante committees to deal with crime. The SWIFTESS with which justice was executed soon restored law and order to a troubled community. This SWIFTESS OF JUSTICE was the method YEHOVAH God initiated in the handling and punishment of the criminal.

1. How quick was YEHOVAH's method of justice? Read **Ecclesiastes 8:11** and **Deuteronomy 21:22-23**.

COMMENT: Justice was administered SPEEDILY. The only instances where a person was held for a time was when a matter was difficult and the judgment had to be received from YEHOVAH God. The Law did not provide for imprisonment.

According to the Talmud (Tosefta, *Sanhedrin 7:1*) capital cases during the time of the Messiah were tried during the daytime, and the verdict had to be reached during the daytime. If there was a verdict of conviction, it had to be issued ON THE FOLLOWING DAY. Before the sunset of the day following the verdict the murderer was dead. The man or woman who feels such swiftness of justice will not have a law-abiding effect FAILS to understand human nature. A man desires to live -- not die! YEHOVAH knows this and therefore gave laws and judgments which would DETER men from committing crimes.

2. What is the result of YEHOVAH's speedy form of justice? **Deuteronomy 13: 11**.

Specific Judgments

Certain cases would be difficult to decide so judgments were rendered.

1. Notice **Exodus 21:12-14**.

2. What about if two men fight each other and one is injured and bedridden while the other man is uninjured? **Exodus 21:18-19**.

3. What happens if a domestic animal injures a man or woman? **Exodus 21:28-31**.

COMMENT: This judgment can be applied to the situation today where vicious dogs such as pit bulls attack and kill people. If this judgment was in effect today you would see the ownership of vicious dogs drop dramatically!

4. Notice what YEHOVAH's judgment is in the case of home invasion robberies that plague our nations today. **Exodus 22:2**.

COMMENT: If the home invasion robbery takes place during the day the thief can redeem his blood and if he has nothing, then he can be sold for stealing. These and sundry other judgments were passed by YEHOVAH God to guide us in the matter of administration.

5. Notice what happens if a murder has been committed and the perpetrator of the crime is not detected. **Deuteronomy 21:1-9**.

COMMENT: In such cases the CITY in which the crime was committed, or if in the country the NEAREST CITY is to make atonement. Here we have COMMUNITY GUILT established when the individual responsible for the crime is not detected and punished.

6. We cannot leave this subject without referring to the New Testament. Notice what the Messiah said. **Matthew 5:21-22**.

COMMENT: Yeshua made hatred of a brother without cause the equivalent to murder. Thus the inward desire to destroy another is MURDER in the sight of YEHOVAH God.

7. Also notice what **Revelation 21:8** says.

COMMENT: Exclusion from the holy city, which is symbolic of the World Tomorrow, is pronounced upon these people.

The Seventh Commandment

Next to murder, YEHOVAH God CONDEMNS the pollution of the life-stream of His people.

1. Take note of Exodus 20:14.

COMMENT: Family life was to be guarded against ALL such corruption, hence the necessity of the seventh commandment. A vigorous, prosperous, healthy nation depends upon healthy and virtuous FAMILY LIFE and relationship. History has clearly shown again and again that when a people DEPART from the laws of decency and morality, that nation DECLINES. The Bible is very clear in its instruction regarding PROPER relationships between the sexes -- for ignorance of such matters is NOT treated in scripture as a virtue.

Death for Adultery

1. Severe judgments are pronounced upon those who fail to keep these laws. Leviticus 20:10.

COMMENT: Respect for womanhood, motherhood and for the RIGHTS of one's neighbor would prevent violation of the seventh commandment. DEATH is the penalty pronounced for its violation.

2. Yeshua the Messiah cited this commandment and rendered a judgment under it -- Matthew 5:27-28.

COMMENT: Under such a judgment THOUSANDS become guilty, for in this statement the Messiah has taken this commandment from the Tablet of Stone and written it upon the heart. Outwardly men can appear virtuous by force of circumstances, but the man whose HEART is right will not think or desire to do evil. He will, in thought and deed, refrain from all evil -- regardless of conditions and circumstances.

3. An example of this is found in the life of Joseph. Genesis 39:7-13.

4. Very strict rules are given under the law governing sex relations and hygiene. Notice

Leviticus 18:6.

COMMENT: Close marriages among BLOOD RELATIVES are absolutely FORBIDDEN.

5. What does YEHOVAH God say about SODOMY (homosexual relationships)? Leviticus 18:22.

COMMENT: DEATH is pronounced for the crime of sodomy.

6. What about carnal relationships with animals? Leviticus 18:23.

COMMENT: This is an ABOMINATION in the eyes of YEHOVAH God.

7. Girls or woman who are engaged to be married are treated, under YEHOVAH's law, as though they are married. Deuteronomy 22:25-27.

COMMENT: YEHOVAH demands the DEATH PENALTY for the man who molests them.

8. A problem, the MISHANDLING of which has caused untold suffering, involves

A Painting of Moses Breaking the Tablet of Stone.



young people who have been COMPELLED to marry (the girl has become pregnant). What does YEHOVAH say about this? **Deuteronomy 22:28-29.**

COMMENT: Under the law it was MANDATORY that they marry and it is stipulated as an atonement that the young man pay a sum of money to the girl's father. In addition to this the law declares that the young man may NOT divorce her for any cause all the days of his life. Thus, by this act, he has made binding upon himself the need of keeping, supporting, and cherishing her to the end of life.

9. Adultery is the ONE GROUND under YEHOVAH's law that the Messiah stated was justification for divorce. Notice what he said **Matthew 5:32.**

COMMENT: The reason for this is clear. According to the law of judgment, DEATH was the penalty for adultery. Therefore, under the law, the one who committed adultery is LEGALLY DEAD and whether actual death follows or not, divorce was justifiable.

10. There are certain CULTS that teach against marriage. What does the New Testament say about this? **I Timothy 4:1.**

COMMENT: For men to follow such teachings is declared to be giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons.

11. Why is this so? **Hebrews 13:4.**

COMMENT: The Bible declares that marriage is HONORABLE, but adulterers YEHOVAH God will judge.

12. Notice what King Solomon said. **Proverbs 7:2.**

13. Solomon also said -- **Proverbs 6:32.**

The Eighth Commandment

Having given the commandments respecting life and virtue, YEHOVAH God proceeded to set forth man's relationship to his neighbor's goods. The violation of this eighth commandment is responsible for the commitment of MORE violence and has caused MORE suffering than perhaps the violation of

ANY of the other laws.

1. Violence and murder -- and in fact the ENTIRE category of crime -- can often be traced to the violation of this eighth command. **Exodus 20:15.**

COMMENT: Condemnation under this law is passed upon a WIDE VARIETY of activities in our modern business and financial life. Every phase of human activity that undertakes to secure something for nothing when such acquisition is a LOSS to others is STEALING!

2. Even withholding the tithe from YEHOVAH God was considered stealing. **Malachi 3:8.**

Judgments for Stealing

The judgment for stealing varied with the TYPE of goods stolen. It ranged from RESTORATION and other penalties to even DEATH.

1. Notice the judgment for stealing oxen and sheep. **Exodus 22:4.**

COMMENT: If oxen and sheep were stolen and found IN THE HAND of the thief (in his possession), he was to restore DOUBLE.

2. What if the thief had sold or killed them? **Exodus 22:1.**

COMMENT: In this case the thief was to restore FIVE oxen and FOUR sheep for the one ox and the one sheep which he had taken. While this law applied to an agricultural society it nevertheless sets forth a PRINCIPLE which can as readily be applied to a HIGHLY INDUSTRIALIZED CIVILIZATION. YEHOVAH God's law removes all profit from stealing and imposes SEVERE penalties upon those who steal.

3. What happens when money is stolen? **Exodus 22:7.**

COMMENT: When money is stolen, the thief must make DOUBLE restoration.

4. In the case of KIDNAPPING, or the stealing of a man, woman or child to sell them for ransom, what does YEHOVAH God say?

Exodus 21:16.

COMMENT: The judgment for this crime, which pervades our societies today, is that the person responsible should surely be put to DEATH!

5. A natural question that arises is, What shall be done with the thief who cannot make restitution? **Exodus 22:3.**

COMMENT: YEHOVAH said, “If he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.” This means he must WORK OUT HIS INDEBTEDNESS. If such a law were in force today, many a financier and business magnate who through stock manipulations or “cooking the books” have taken millions from the needy (i.e., companies such as Enron, et al) would spend the BALANCE OF THEIR LIVES working to restore DOUBLE that which they had fleeced from their victims.

Under YEHOVAH’s law, with two, four and even five times increase in restoration over that which was stolen, and with double the money taken to be returned by the thief, many would-be thieves would FEAR to do wrong. Manipulation of finances and reorganizations for the purpose of squeezing out the small investor; in fact all sharp practices by which much stolen wealth has been accumulated in the past would CEASE under the RIGHTEOUS administration of such laws.

There are certain border cases that would be difficult to decide so, under the law, judgments have been rendered. Let’s look at a few of these -- for THE BIBLE DEFINITELY BLESSES AND PROTECTS PRIVATE OWNERSHIP!

Personal Responsibility

1. Notice the case of an accident caused by negligence. **Exodus 21:33-34.**



The Ten Commandments Set Up in the Grounds of the Texas State Capitol at Austin.

COMMENT: This explains that if a man dug a pit and an ox or other animal of his neighbor fell into it the OWNER of the pit or well shall make good the loss. If one man’s ox hurt another’s so that it died, then the live ox was to be sold and the money divided and the dead ox was also to be divided.

2. What if the ox was known to be vicious and the owner failed to keep it confined? **Exodus 21:36.**

COMMENT: The owner of the vicious animal must make good the ox his neighbor lost and the dead ox was to be his.

3. What if a man caused his neighbor’s field to be eaten? **Exodus 22:5.**

COMMENT: He is to make restitution.

4. If a man lights a fire and it gets out of control and burns his neighbor’s belongings then what? **Exodus 22:6.**

COMMENT: He must make restitution of the goods or belongings destroyed.

5. What is the judgment when a man delivers goods or money to his neighbor for safekeeping and it is stolen out of the neighbor’s house and the thief is caught? **Exodus 22:7.**

COMMENT: In this case the thief must

make DOUBLE restoration.

6. And if the thief cannot be found?
Exodus 22:8.

COMMENT: If the thief CANNOT be found then the judges had to decide as to whether the man to whom the goods or money had been entrusted is himself guilty. If found guilty he must make DOUBLE restoration.

7. If a man delivers his stock to his neighbor to keep for him and it dies or is driven away (no man seeing what happened), what must the neighbor do? **Exodus 22:10-11.**

COMMENT: He must take an oath before YEHOVAH God that he did not kill the animal. The owner must accept this and no restitution is required.

8. However, what if the stock is stolen from the neighbor's safekeeping? **Exodus 22:12-13.**

COMMENT: In this case the neighbor must make restitution. If, however, the stock or animal is found torn to pieces (such as from a wild animal), and he shows it to his neighbor for evidence, then he need not make good.

9. What if a man borrows ANYTHING from his neighbor and it is hurt or dies or is damaged while in his safekeeping (the owner NOT being present at the time)? **Exodus 22:14.**

COMMENT: It must be made good.

10. What if the owner IS present when the loss is incurred? **Exodus 22:15.**

COMMENT: If the OWNER of the thing or animal borrowed is PRESENT with it, the man who borrowed it does NOT need to make good for it. Because it is hired and the owner is present, the OWNER is responsible for its care.

These judgments establish principles of law that are applicable IN EVERY AGE. YEHOVAH God said, "You shall not steal, neither deal falsely, nor lie to one another."

The Ninth Commandment

We have seen that the life, the wife and the possessions of his fellow men are to be

RESPECTED by man.

1. YEHOVAH God now sets forth the RELATIONSHIP of men towards the good name and reputation of their neighbors. **Exodus 20:16.**

COMMENT: There are MANY WAYS in which one can bear false witness regarding his neighbor. It can be accomplished by WORD, ACT or DEED, for often a false report can be started about another by a lift of the eyebrow, the shake of the head or the shrug of the shoulder at the mention of a name. Many times, ACTION can be a more powerful method of circulating a false report than even the spoken word.

2. Notice **Exodus 23:1-2.**

COMMENT: The making of FALSE OATHS is forbidden as well as committing ANY fraud.

Examination of Witnesses

1. False witnessing in court proceedings was more readily detected under the procedures of ancient Israel than it is possible to detect today. Notice **Deuteronomy 19:16-18.**

COMMENT: Each witness was examined separately and out of hearing of the others. This MINIMIZED the possibility of collaboration between witnesses as well as the opportunity to escape detection if testimony is falsified. When the judges detected the possibility of falsification the case stopped immediately and the judges made a thorough investigation.

2. Notice what happened next if the testimony was found to be false. **Deuteronomy 19:19.**

COMMENT: Whatever the JUDGMENT would have been, had the defendant been found guilty, **the man who testified falsely would have to bear.** If it would have been death, then it meant DEATH for him. If it were to be restitution, then the witness had to pay the equivalent of that restitution.

3. Notice what this would result in. **Deuteronomy 19:20.**

4. Bearing false witness is GREATER in scope than testifying in court cases alone. **Exodus 23:1.**

5. Also notice **Psalm 101:5.**

Talebearing Forbidden

1. The Bible has much to say about those who harm their neighbors by GOSSIP. **Leviticus 19:16.**

COMMENT: It is of interest to note that the truth or falsity of the matter is NOT raised, for if you truly love your neighbor as yourself you will not privately bear witness to his harm -- be the gossip true or false. YEHOVAH God only knows the untold heart-aches that have resulted from the VIOLATION of this commandment and the suffering that has resulted.

2. The apostle James had these facts in mind in his epistle. **James 3:5.**

COMMENT: Many otherwise respectable people look down upon an unfortunate brother who may have violated some of the other laws, while they themselves are breaking this ninth commandment.

3. Notice what the Messiah warns. **Matthew 12:36.**

4. Also take heed of what YEHOVAH God Himself warns. **Malachi 3:5.**

COMMENT: The violation of YEHOVAH's laws has brought forth this statement from YEHOVAH of SWIFT witness in judgment against false swearers, and against those who oppress the workman in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right.

The Tenth Commandment

1. The final and last commandment which the children of Israel heard pronounced at Mount Sinai by the voice of YEHOVAH God was: **Exodus 20:17.**

2. Yeshua the Messiah added another dimension to this command. **Luke 12:15.**

COMMENT: It is worth noting that this last commandment SUMS UP the cause back of most of the violations of the rest of the commandments. Covetousness leads men to commit MURDER and ADULTERY; it is the FIRST CAUSE leading a man to STEAL the property of his neighbor and often is back of the giving of FALSE TESTIMONY.

3. Notice what YEHOVAH God said. **Micah 2:1-2.**

Reason for Violence

Violence and blood have filled the earth as the RESULT of the breaking of this tenth commandment. The desire to acquire the possessions of others has resulted in DESTRUCTIVE COMPETITION in business, which is itself WAR when carried on under the Babylonian

system -- leading to ARMED CONFLICT between nations. The desire for commercial supremacy as nations strive to destroy competition is but COVETING world markets, even to the point of instituting aggressive warfare in order to TAKE that which is coveted. There will -- and always can be -- LEGITIMATE TRADE in the buying and selling of goods and the exchange of one's increase. But, unfortunately, methods are such under the present system that men are NOT content to live



Charlton Heston Playing Moses in the Movie "The Ten Commandments."

and let live. Instead, men COVET power and wealth and in their desire to bring their plans to fruition have **drenched the pages of history with blood.**

YEHOVAH God gave to men *an inheritance in the land forever*, but modern business and the Babylonian system of administration has DENIED men their God-given privilege. **In a world order where foreclosure of mortgages, tax sales and interest charges can be imposed upon a people and used to ACQUIRE the property of one's neighbor (at a greatly reduced value), such has served those who have COVETED their neighbor's possessions.** COVETOUSNESS is the FOUNDATION of evil desires and lusts.

In these Ten Commandments YEHOVAH God has set before His people what is required of them in their relationship to Him and to their fellow man. If these laws are kept (and they can only be kept by a people in whose heart they have been written) there will be PEACE and CONTENTMENT in that community, with FREEDOM from strife.

Individual Requirement

When the question is asked as to what we can do regarding the law, the answer is to keep the law insofar as it is possible for the individual to comply with its requirements. No individual can do less as he desires and works for the RESTORATION of the Law of YEHOVAH God as the Law of the land in the World Tomorrow.

We have given but a brief summary of the ten commandments in this lesson, making reference to certain of the statutes and judgments which are for the purpose of forcing men to comply with the requirements of the commandments. Until the nations of the world make this enforcement part of their administrative activities only men called out by YEHOVAH God will strive to keep the requirements of the law.

While no honest man can deny the IMPORTANCE of the Ten Commandments, yet they are no more important to the individual who desires to be right with YEHOVAH than are the God-given statutes to the NATIONS that would have YEHOVAH's blessings on all their undertakings in the righteous administration of equity and justice for all.

Notes:

Answers to Questions in Lesson 21:

1. A church. 2. Ekklesia. 3. No. 4. Because of their teachings regarding government. 5. Hagios. 6. Set apart for YEHOVAH; consecrated ones; chosen; elect. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. Soma. 10. A sound whole. 11. For a special purpose: to be a holy nation. 12. Separate, or set apart. 13. Yes. 14. Individuals called "saints." 15. Yes.

Check Your Progress --

Question 1: What does the **first half** of the 10 Commandments focus on?

Question 2: What is the **greatest** of all the commandments?

Question 3: What does the **last half** of the 10 commandments focus on?

Question 4: Do individuals have the **right** to set up a standard of personal conduct? _____

Question 5: Does YEHOVAH God **require** the death penalty for murder? _____

Question 6: Is it legal, under YEHOVAH's law, to kill someone who invades your home at night? _____

Question 7: Is it possible to bear false witness by using **body language**? _____

Question 8: Does YEHOVAH God **demand** the death penalty for kidnapping? _____

Question 9: What is YEHOVAH's **penalty** for stealing money?

Question 10: Under YEHOVAH's law, what is the **penalty** for homosexual conduct?

Question 11: A vigorous, prosperous, healthy nation **depends** upon what?

Question 12: What happens to a **nation** that departs from the laws of decency and morality? _____

Question 13: Is it true that **swiftness of justice** is NOT a part of YEHOVAH's method for punishing criminals? _____

Question 14: Violence and blood have filled the earth as a result of breaking **which** commandment? _____

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