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So, if you're on the If you have an outline, you don't necessarily need an outline. You need a Bible more than an outline. We're in on. See, little Roman numeral three one. See, Deuteronomy, 24.

Deuteronomy 24. Versus 10 to 22. 10 to 15. Especially dealing. With the

Well, 10 to 22 dealing with before 16 looks like it's um, Randomly inserted. It's not we'll talk about that when we get there. But, Remembering since we're kind of in the middle. Um, of a lectural of little roman numeral threes intended to go together. Remembering that what we saw last week was.

Uh, lord said that. If they were faithful, they would not have any board. And then he told them that they would have four. Uh, which is a reminder that we are. Uh, we are not faithful. Okay, so there's Giving them instruction about being merciful to the poor who among them.

Comes in the context of a reminder that the fact that there are four shows that God is being patient with them. And because Although he might destroy them for their sin and And he does warn them about. Exile, that would come. Uh, if they persist in their sinfulness and they did, and what happened?

Although he might destroy them, he is very very patient with them. We're almost up to psalm 78 and they're working through this all And we'll see for an extended repetitions in psalm 78. And how God over and over again. Should patients. It was slow. To anger slow to punish.

Here's people. And we too may be grateful for that. When we are honest before God, every time we come before him, We realize he's been merciful and patient with us. And that is continuing. To be so. So that is helped put in perspective, the instruction that has given with the respect to the poor, one of the things that we're Really going to see here now, Is that it's Especially among.

Brothers, but not just Among brothers, we've we've seen A distinction of priority. On those who are brethren even above. For those who are foreigners among them. Um, But for all of them, there's not just The concern. Of meeting needs. There's a concern. For preserving dignity. And privacy and and even comfort.

So verse 10, when you lend your brother, anything you shall not go into his house to get his pledge, okay? So they weren't allowed to charge a brother interest. Or to lend to him in order to Make money off of him. Uh, but they could take something as security or deposit.

The assumption. Here, maybe we should. We should just go through verse 13 and then we'll Finish explaining. Uh, you should not go into his house to get his pledge. You shall stand outside. And the man to whom music lens shall bring the pledge out to you. If the man is poor, you shall not keep his pledge overnight.

You saw 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. Yahweh your god. Um, And so you notice the extremity to which the brother has gone before.

Uh, he borrows From his neighbor, this is not The idea that everyone. Should have equal standard of living equal outcomes. The this is someone who is literally down to his overcoat. Uh, he In whatever providence from god, it's not necessarily even By his own necessary, not even necessarily by his endless handling, But, and whatever providence.

Of god. He has used up his resources. The one thing that he has is his overcoat And the, the man who is lending to him is, Taking that overcoat during the day. As. As a reminder as a security that whatever the, whatever the one who's borrowing makes his first obligation.

Is to repay his debt. Um, And yet. The the lender is not to go into his brother's house, you know, the language there again. When you lend your brother, anything. He's not to act as a lord over him. He is not Uh, he is to preserve his brother's dignity.

Preserve his brother's privacy. When we have the And the sharing, or the distribution of that, which has been given for the for the sake of sharing and deactinal ministry. A Of the church. This is one of the things that the deacons are going to want to. Especially watch out for and not necessarily just they don't go into his house, you know?

That's an action based upon principle. And the general equity of that principle is going to have a lot of specific things that you do or no dudes things that you say or don't say. Um, In order to preserve a brother's dignity. And in order to preserve. Uh, brothers. Uh, privacy.

And so, the The picture in verses 10 to 11 is telling The the man who It has come for the security waits outside. The, the poor man who is down to his last overcoat. Is. Um, Still as it were king of his own. Uh, castle. And then in verses 12 and 13, and Uh, we've seen this already when we were thinking about the the You know what, we call the book of the covenant that Those instructions that the lord gives moses.

On cyanide between the the giving of the ten commandments. And then the covenanting ceremony on the mountain. With with the 70 elders and Aaron and his sons and so forth. That. We are always to be interacting with one another out of In the awareness that we are before the face of god.

And we are to be more concerned with what god thinks of us even though what our brother thinks of us. And that the, the biggest difference that what our brother thinks of us makes, is that our brother is interacting with God. Uh, and So verse 13, we show 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.

That is he tucks himself in to the garment that every day he is reminded That he doesn't have the resources to maintain this to himself, but Uh, but you led to him, And he tucks it around him, he knows what He knows i have a god who has commanded that.

My brother who learned this to me would do this. And, Blessed god. For his merciful laws that are unlike anything that the world comes up with That my brother would care. Uh, not just about my privacy and my dignity, but even my comfort that i'd be warm at night.

Uh bless God. That not only did he give commands but he actually gave me a brother to a base, his commands. Because we know, Uh, that this of course was not. And continuously perfectly obeyed. What we read in the history of god's people, especially in the Old Testament

and what many of us have Uh, have experienced sadly in the in the church at a time of Uh, really low knowledge of god life.

Of christ by his spirit in the visible church. Is that a lot of what God says to his people to do, it doesn't get abate. But God says he pays attention. To whether or not it gets abated, and he makes attention. To. Whether his people are comforted by the fact that their brothers and sisters are obeying him.

Uh, or whether they are grieved and injured by the fact that their brothers and sisters are acting like the world acts. And so god says, here's what's in it for you, there's no interest in it for you. There's not even the security of the deposit that's in it for you at night, which you get something better at night.

Then you do during the day when you hold the man's overcoat Because at night, when the man is tapping himself into his overcoat, he's blessing. The god who has redeemed for himself a people and given them laws like this and has given him a brother among those people whose obeying those laws and he can literally feel the warmth of it inside the overcoat.

And he's actively interacting. With god. That he may sleep in his own garment and bless you. This is set over against. What the poor man or the foreigner in verse 15 is doing when he doesn't get paid on time? So, let's go ahead and read versus 14 15. You shall not oppress a hired man.

Hired servant, who is born needy? Whether one of your brethren or one of the aliens is in your land, within your gates. Each day you shall give him his wages. And do not let the sun go down on it for he is poor. And his set. His heart on it.

Lest he cry out against you to yahweh. And it be sent to you. Okay, so there's a different Picture of a man laying on his bed, the end of the day, he worked hard all day. But he didn't get paid that day like he should have. And now he's crying out to god.

And it's not blessing, it's curse. And the lord is listening to that, too. Uh, one of the things that this assumes children, And i hope it's something that you learn earlier in life than god and his mercy and patience with me really. It's my fault, isn't it? It's all of our sins of our own fault is that you learned earlier in life than i did, to keep that?

Ongoing conversation with god in your heart. And those set times of prayer that you have when you have your personal devotions or when daddy is leading, you and family worship, or when we gather at the midweek meeting and our lead by one man after another and In corporate prayer or when we have corporate prayer on the lord's day, That the praying of those times is helping you shape the manner of your interacting with god all the time.

Notice these passages just assume. That if you're awake on your bed at night, you are going to be Uh, interacting with god. We've seen that several times and we're going to continue to see it a few more times before we come to the end of the End of the psalms that when we are.

Um, On our beds at night and we are not yet asleep. We are especially to be praying. But we recently not too long ago. First Thessalonians, five, Uh, we're reminded that we are to pray continually And so there's an assumption here. And then, if we are doing that, then when another assumption here is that When your mom or dad or brother or sister or brother in christ or sister in christ in the church?

Is kind to you. That one of the reasons for remembering that kindness is not just so that you can be kind back to them and you're interaction with them but so that you can remember that

kindness to god. And remember that he was being kind to you when your brother or sister was coming to you and bless his name for that.

And remember to bless his name for your brother or sister as well. So that we may have a culture. In your house. First of all, your house a little church, the first and most continual church. Assembly that you're a part of god, assembled it by Whom he made to be the mom and dad in which kids, he chose to put in that home.

Um, But that you'd have a culture in your house and a culture in the church in which we are looking for reasons, and giving one, another reasons to bless the name of god. But even knowing that, even if you were selfish, But you are, which is one of the reasons why it's merciful of god to give us.

Such incentives. Uh, but even if you weren't trying To be selfless. Just out of self-interest. You would want to give others as much reason to bless God. For you and for what you had done us as possible. So when you're internal selfishness arises, and you say, i would really have wanted to keep that for myself.

Then you by the new nature that is in christ and killing that internal selfishness. You can tell yourself but it isn't, isn't it better? To have the smile of god. Than to have had that garment in your house that you don't even need because you have your own overcoat Isn't it better to have the smile of god than to have had more time with whatever the device is that you are fighting over so that you can melt your brain more than your sister could.

Isn't it better that you would have the smile of god? And so there's this focus on. Um, The mercy of god reflected in how he interact with each other and provoked. More mercy, more blessing. Provoked. How we interact with one another? When you read the book of acts and you see The formation of the deaconate and what happened.

Afterward, there was a great revival. Or a great. And i guess the church hadn't. Uh, some backside and all. But there, there was a great outpouring of the spirit and conversions, even among the priesthood. Especially among the brief hood. Uh, after the ordination and installation of the first deaconate.

One of Um, one of timothy's. Great concerns in first Timothy as we've been going through it and he's been left. And Uh, in ephesus to Read, put the church back into order to ordain. A new slate of elders who are going to be according to the qualifications that christ has instituted to fulfill the duties away.

Christ is instituted them and a new deaconate. First Timothy 3 is part of what he's doing, why? Because the dark deacon who serves well gets himself. A good witness before God. That's why the church that is is the pillar in buttress of the truth needs to have deacons who hold the mystery of the faith.

With a clear conscience. The mystery of the faith you up there in, i think is about verse 9 and 1st, Timothy 3 being repeated as the mystery of godliness and first Timothy 3:16 And your blessing, jesus. God in the flesh. Justified in the spirit. Appearance to the preacher, the messengers.

Most translations, say angels. Proclaimed among the nations. Believed on in the world received up into glory. And he's getting honored in part how Because there's a new deaconate. Ordaining, who are overseeing a renewed ministry in the sharing and material things. In a way that shows that god the son who is confessed that way.

And first Timothy 3:16 is really doing this transforming work among the people who he has redeemed by his blood. Okay, so the principle and the dynamic behind. The mercy, ministry within the church in Israel, Deuteronomy, 24 continues. In the ministry that we have to one another, that the deacons are to be overseeing in the church now.

1st Timothy. Three. Continuing on Deuteronomy 24, fathers shall not be put to death for their children or children. Be put to death for their fathers. A person shall not be put to death for his own sin. Now, I know that there are You know, before and after the passage that we are in, there are a number of Of different commands.

In fact, I see here in my new King James. Um, yeah, this is one of the places where the editor guys. Um, You know, don't really earn their salary that week and they just slap miscellaneous laws as a subtitle over a section, right? Um, And he is moving. From subject to subject the unchanged subjects yet in verse 16 which we can see by the subject in verse 17 to 22.

One of the reasons. For putting this here. Is that? That which applies to the forfeiture of life. Also applies to the forfeiture of property. One of the ways that people become poor, especially after what we've seen the last couple of weeks is by Uh, fathers not remembering and considering it a duty.

To lay off and provide an inheritance for their children, a good start for their children. If we're following, Um, Yeah, Paul's instruction to the uh, to the Thessalonians. About everyone needing to be diligent. If we're following, His instruction elsewhere. I think it's Ephesians that the thief should no longer steal but work hard with his hands so that he may have something to give to his brother a need.

If that's true with respect to your brother in the church. Then the apostle who by the same, Holy Spirit, says, if anyone fails to take care of his own household, first, Timothy 5 is denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. One of the main reasons that you should be working hard, Young men is so that when the Lord gives you children, You may not only have something for yourself.

And to give to your brother in need who's in the congregation which is which is one of these new desires that the Christian has from the Holy Spirit. But that you would especially lay up for your own household. Now. One of the, one of the things that happens. However, It is as we've been saying, and as we've all experienced, is that God's people have?

A your results may vary experience. Not just financially, but financially, as a result of the godliness or lack thereof or or follow through on behalf of a daddy. And it may be. That one of the reasons that you're your brother is poor, is that his daddy Uh, was not so diligent as yours.

But you are not to look down upon your brother. For that reason. If part of the providence in which he came to be needy enough that you had to lend to him, Was that your daddy got you? Uh, you know, laid some up for you and provided you with skills and training and looked out for your opportunities and he didn't, Then see to it that you're a blessing to your brother rather than despising him.

Because of something that his father have done. Just like, you wouldn't execute him. For capital crime, that his father committed. Okay, so When in this, often happens in the scriptures especially, you know, one of the places that the Lord's really going to stretch you and understanding His word is Proverbs But quite often when when you have a parallelism and Proverbs and one part doesn't seem to go with the other part, Uh, you are not being called to slap the label miscellaneous laws over the text.

Now, you are being stretched by God to see the connections. Between the things that he has put together. And the fact that verse 16 comes here between verses 10 through 15, and then versus 17 through 22, helps us and helps us in a way. That is really very practical.

Um,

Well, we'll take the extra time. I feel like i'm in a hurry to get new deacons. But one, practical way kids is. Not every kid. Not even every kid in the church, has the same instruction that you do. Uh, one of my children. Uh, one day. Uh, Had a dust up in the park.

And i think it was, Or maybe it's still three. No, i think it was four. And he tried to do matthew 18. With the, with the kid that he hasn't dust up in the park with Um, explain to him. I you you did this, you know, And or i did this, and you did that to me.

And here's in the bible says that that's wrong because it breaks this commandment. Um, And, Did not get the response that he wanted and we were talking about it later that night. And, He did, i tried to explain to him. You know, most kids your age don't have a clue.

What matthew 18 says to do about resolving conflicts? Why why don't their daddy's teach them? Well. A lot of kids, your age, don't even have a daddy. And the ones who do most of them, their daddy doesn't know what method 18 says. About resolving conflicts. Blood in their pastor, teach them.

Well, most of them don't have pastors and the ones you do. Their pastors. Maybe don't know and usually don't teach them. Well, doesn't jesus say? Most of them don't even know jesus. Four-year-old. Discovers for the first time experientially. I'm sorry, irritable. There are people in the world who don't know, jesus.

And in god's mercy. To him and he had convicting his daddy. That suddenly became the most important thing in the conversation. You. Have to go. You have to tell their teacher pastors, you have to go and and teach all the daddies to teach your kids and the kids, you don't have daddies, you got to go to their house and in his, you know, the old worldview.

He said, And because i, i said, i'm trying to do that, but most people don't let me into their house. He said, well, i'm gonna become fedex driver because then everybody is going to have to let me into their house. I'll bring my bible.

Well, that's true on less of a macro scale. With everyone, to some extent. As we interact with one another in the church, not everybody had your daddy. A lot of people have had daddies that deserve to be executed. But we live in a culture that doesn't execute daddies at the rate, it should.

Just straight up before, God.

But even in the church not everyone has the instruction that you have had. There is to be. Grace and dignity and patience extended. Understanding, it's varies. Um, With, with one another.

Anyone, let's try and finish. At least the letter C. Uh use a knot pervert justice due to the stranger or the fatherless nor take a widow's pledge. If she's a widow, she doesn't just get to keep it at night. She gets to keep it all day. Um that's extra dignity given to widows.

We're about there in first Timothy 5. If you're tracking in those readings, this probably more needful if she's a widow, she might just be Old and get cold, a little easier than most you might need that garment during the day. But you see the Um, You see the care?

Concerning God's providence. There's a stranger Um, who doesn't have a Jewish father who doesn't have an Israelite father? Hasn't been instructed properly. The fatherless one, and the father has been taken from them. Um, Before his time as we would say, although we understand The perfection of God, the wisdom of God's providence.

Nor take a widow's garment to spledge. You shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt. Y'all know your God redeemed you from there? Therefore I command you to do this. Then you have a compassionate God. Be a compassionate people. When you reap your harvest in your field and you forget the sheep in the field, You shall not go back to get it.

This is beyond the gleaning laws, right? And we often remember the gleaning law. This is, uh, you forget. It also covers. You have so many that you Uh, you couldn't carry them all. Um, So, Uh, you know, that would be a You know, jackpot for The strange of the fatherless and the widow, not just gleaning, the an assembled sheath.

Uh, left in the field for them. Why? That you already your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. So stranger fatherless, her widow hits the jackpot. They're not gleaning. Now, they're carrying home an entire sheath and how do you think they feel about that? Or are they not saying oh, thank you, Lord.

For the abundance of your mercy today. They're like Ruth when she gets home. Uh you know that first night to Naomi and she is loaded down with more than enough for the both of them. Then they're blessing the name of God together. Then the better for you. To have someone blessing God on your account.

In that way. Then if you had, if you had had one more sheet that you were able to bring in from the field. You see how God trains us? Even in the Disproportion. Uh, the variance of his providence, to his people, in material things, he trains us to consider the smile of his favor.

As greater. Then being able to exact every penny, or every particle of property that we can have.

When you beat your olive trees, you so not go over the bowels again, it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless and the widow. Okay, you know. If you're a fatherless child, if you're an orphan kid, that's probably one of your favorites because Um, Yeah, it's not just within the last three thousand years that kids love to climb trees.

But now your climbing trees and you're beating out olives. And olives, you know the oil is particularly valuable harder to leave olives on the tree than it is to leave. Great in the field if you're just doing the math as an Israelite Um, When you gather the grapes of your vineyards, you shall not glean it afterward.

It will be for the stranger, the fatherless and the widow. And you shall remember that you were a slave. In the land of Egypt. Therefore, I command you. To do this thing. And we did finish literacy. Um, but we're out of our time. We're to be a people who live upon the memory.

Of God's goodness to us. And our continually blessing, his name, Uh, for the ongoing goodness to us. And we are going to be a people who want. On the one hand to give occasion to others to do the same. And, To take the occasion that others give us. Uh, to do the same on their behalf.

So yes, diagonal ministry is oversight of the church's ministry in material things. But what we do with material things is a very spiritually focused thing. They are not just kind of the church accountant. Slash administrators slash financial redistributors. They are. Helping in a very practical way, the fulfillment of that ministry in the means of grace for the knowledge of Christ that the elders are overseeing.

Yes, Christian. The question about the leaving out. Not gathering. Raped. After if, Capitalism questions about Being approval and the scriptural reference for that is an after the, Speaking of a five thousand that they gathered in the bastards. So, the people describe a little bit of a difference between The frugality of not not wasting bread and fish afterwards.

Miracle sure. If you'll forgive me for Uh, using a, my myself as a Personal example. Um, We have a brother in the church who tells me that he loves my scottish fruits, and To my chagrini. Usually does not mean how Westminsterian i am. He means how frugal. But he means that he means it kindly And we've had this conversation, this actual conversation before, which is why i'm using it as an example.

One of the reasons for frugality is because of the purpose of money. The purpose of money is the enjoyment of God. And, The care of one's own household. That you'd not deny the faith and be worse unbeliever. And the care of your brother. First of all, and your neighbor second of all, Do good to all and especially to the household of faith.

Right, so i work hard. To keep as little of our money as odds, a lot of little of our money as possible end up in government or corporate hands. Yeah. Not being dishonest. But, Uh, saving every way that i can and often denying myself, In order to have more that i can give, To the ministry of the church more.

That i can lay up for my children, make sure that they are able to pursue the same priorities. From the first day. Of being out on their own. And not have to build up in the way that i did. Because of some stupidity about You know, borrowing money for school and that's got things so that they are able.

To to love their brother in a time of need. To love their neighbor. With their money. Um, so frugality values money because of the purpose of the money. Which means it doesn't devalue brother or neighbor. In order to retain the money. Uh, it

It is careful with everything as a stewardship from God. Does that does that help? I mean, You can't really write a list of rules. This is one of the reasons why we're building. You know, theology view of all of life and how money fits into that, from the scriptures.

Um, But yes, for reality i i think is important. Maybe not as important as the Dutch people thought, where we planted our previous church. Um, but it's, it's definitely. Important for the reason. It's it's part of diligence. Right, there's diligence and how you earn money. There's also diligence in how you Use money.

All right. Let's pray.

Our father in heaven. How? He thank you and praise you. That you have been merciful to us. To us. Pushed down upon the knowledge of you and your glory suppressing, the truth and unrighteousness. And rightly deserve to have your wrath displayed from heaven against all of. The unrighteous and ungodliness of our denial of you.

And you have not only brought us to faith through the hearing. Of the preaching of christ. And made us counted us righteous in him. But you have given us to know you and to know your mercy. And even to start being conformed to his image. Which work we bless your name and ask that.

You would as you have promised complete in us. And as you progress us in that work, we pray O. Lord to see the effect of it. Worked out and how we think of and how we use our money And how we think of our brother and his dignity and his privacy and his cut.

Uh, comfort. We play prey lord that you would give us. Lives in which we have this continual interaction with you. Seeking to bless your name. And make us a people who give one another much occasion. For blessing, your name. For, we ask it in your name, lord, jesus. Amen.