

***Intro:***

WCF 19:4 (transition from Ex. 20 to Ex. 21).

Main Point of Text: Paul applies the principle of Deut. 25:4 to a NT Church situation, which he adds is the purpose of Israel's OT Civil Law.

Vs. 9: for oxen? Vs. 10: No doubt, actually for our sakes (NT Church). OT Civil Laws expired, but good guides for culture and government to honor Christ's Ten Commandments.

Sermon Point: *For our sakes this is written.*

***Move 1: God's Moral Law is the abiding standard and rule of all mankind.***

WCF 19:1-2. Ps. 2/Mt. 28:18-20. Jesus is Lord of all. Must be Law of the Land. WCF 19:5-7. (WCF 23; Rom. 13).

***Move 2: Israel's peculiar laws are no longer binding in detail, but they point to King Jesus.***

Israel was a type of Christ (types done when reality comes):

- True/final Passover Lamb and Priest (Letter to Hebrews): WCF 19:3 We're now temple.
- True Son (Ex. 4:23; Hos. 11:1; Mt. 2:5; Heb. 3:1-6): WCF 19:4. Makes us true sons of Abraham.
- True King/kingdom: David (2 Sam. 7; Ps. 16/Acts. 2:22-32; Heb. 1:1-3). Israel finished in AD 70.
- Only T.C. remain: only spoken by God; written by God's finger; in stone; laid in the Ark.

***Move 3: Israel and its temporary laws still teach us important life lessons for a people.***

WCF 19:4, "General equity". Violations of principles must be punished, but not necessarily same way. John Murray, I Corinthians 5:1-5 (per OT Causistic Law in Leviticus 20:10-11; Deut. 22:22). Also, John 8/Mt. 19: divorce for adultery. Earlier, capital punishment required. King rules with mercy. See also Exodus 16:27-28 (pre-Sinai) compared to Ex. 31:14-15; 35:2; Num. 15:32-36 (post-Sinai).

***Conclusion:***

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