

## **Exodus 22:25-27 (NLT)**

**“If you lend money to any of my people who are in need, do not charge interest as a money lender would. [26] If you take your neighbor’s cloak as security for a loan, you must return it before sunset. [27] This coat may be the only blanket your neighbor has. How can a person sleep without it? If you do not return it and your neighbor cries out to me for help, then I will hear, for I am merciful.**

## **Leviticus 25:37-38 (NLT)**

**Remember, do not charge interest on money you lend him or make a profit on food you sell him. [38] I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to give you the land of Canaan and to be your God.**

## **Deuteronomy 15:12-14 (NIV)**

**If a fellow Hebrew, a man or a woman, sells himself to you and serves you six years, in the seventh year you must let him go free.**

**[13] And when you release him, do not send him away empty-handed. [14] Supply him liberally from your flock, your threshing floor and your winepress. Give to him as the LORD your God has blessed you.**

# **Governing to Honor God**

**Nehemiah 5:1-19**



# **Serious Problems:**

- **food shortage**
- **going into debt to survive**
- **borrowing to pay taxes**
- **selling their children into slavery**

## Deuteronomy 15:7-8

If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother. [8] Rather be openhanded and **freely lend him whatever he needs.**

## **1 Peter 2:11-15 (NIV)**

**Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. [12] Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. ...[15] For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men**

- **We don't belong here**
- **Live good lives AMONG the pagans**
- **God's Will that we DO Good**
- **Silence ignorant talk**

# What happened?

- **Sin was Confessed**
- **Repentance & Restoration took place**

## **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

**Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?**

**You are not your own;**

**[20] you were bought at a price.**

**Therefore honor God**

**with your body.**

## Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT)

**“You are the light of the world - like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. [15] No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. [16] In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, **SO THAT** everyone will praise your heavenly Father.**