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## *How will Rescued People Relate?*

### **1. With the LORD**

They can know how to worship the LORD (20:23–26, 23:13–19)

Worship is All of Life (*Sandwich: Laws about Worship – Ethical Commands – Laws about Worship*)

### **2. With Each Other**

**Protecting Slaves (21:1–11)** - vulnerable

**Treating Sin Seriously** - Murder, Parents, Bondage (21:12–17); False Religion (22:18–20)

**Rightly Compensating Loss (21:18–22:17)** - Repayment, Restitution & Restoration

**Living as those accountable to God (22:21–23:12)** - Vulnerable, Justice, Identity, Love

They see and are to reflect the LORD's character in the Law (e.g. 22:21 - cares about justice, 21:33 - his justice demands a loss be repaid)

### **3. In The Promised Land**

Laws made for a specific people at a specific time and in a specific place.

### **4. With the Old Testament Law**

As making allowances for hard hearts (Mark 10:1–12)

As Deeper than the Mere Laws (Matt 5:21–47)

As Unequally Weighted (Mark 12:28–34)

As Fulfilled in Jesus (Matt 5:17–20)

Fulfilling the Law through Love (Rom 13:8–10; 1 John 4:7–5:3)

Reading the Law in the light of Christ and his law of love is a lifelong process.

### **A Prayer For the Christian**

Give us understanding, that we might learn wisdom through your old law, and discern what is the best through faith in Christ, who is the fulfilment and end of that law.