Lesson 14

2/24/19

Hospitality & Benevolence

James 1:26-27

The goal for this lesson is to explain how the Israelites showed hospitality & how we can do the same today.

The verses we will study for this lesson will primarily refer to the following groups of people: travelers, the poor, strangers, widows, orphans, & those accused of crime (manslaughter).

As we make application consider how, when & where you might interact with these people in your daily life.

1) How did Jethro show hospitality to Moses? Exodus 2:16-22

2) What laws were put in place to help those in need? Leviticus 19:9-10; Deuteronomy 24:19-21

3) Leviticus 23:15-21 explains that during the Feast of Weeks the people were to bring their firstfruits of grain (vs 17) as an offering to God. In verse 22 the people are reminded to help the poor & travelers. How do these two commands fit together & how can you apply them to your life?

4) What is a “city of refuge”? How did the inhabitants of these cities show a form of hospitality toward those accused of manslaughter? Numbers 35:9-34

5) Read Deuteronomy 10:12-22. God declares His special love & concern for Israel in verse 15. In verses 17-18 God declares His impartiality & He promises love for those less fortunate, both Israelite & foreigner. Now consider verse 19. In light of these verses, how can we follow God’s example when showing hospitality to everyone we encounter?

6) As it relates to hospitality, why were the Ammonites & Moabites not allowed to enter the assembly? How long were the Israelites told to be their adversaries? Deuteronomy 23:3-6

7) According to Exodus 22:21-24, how would God deal with those who failed to show hospitality?

8) The phrase “remember that you were a slave/stranger in Egypt” is frequently used in the verses covering this topic (Exodus 22:21; Leviticus 19:34; Deuteronomy 10:19; 24:18,22). How would that phrase affect the people’s motives regarding hospitality?

9) How does this phrase apply to you & your motives for being hospitable? Ephesians 2:1-5

10) The phrase “I am the Lord your God” is also frequently used in the verses covering this topic (Leviticus 19:34; Deuteronomy 10:17; 24:19). How would that phrase affect the people’s motives regarding hospitality?

11) How does this phrase apply to you & your motives for being hospitable? Ephesians 2:1-5