

**June 7, 2026 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group**

**“Laws Protecting against Community Breakdown” – Exodus 22:18-20**

**Questions for Younger Ones (ages 5-18) to Answer from the Text:**

1. What sin does a man commit in Exodus 22:16?
2. What does it mean that the woman is not betrothed (v. 16a)?
3. When a man committed this sin, what was he required to do (v. 16b)?
4. What was a bride-price?
5. What option did the father of the woman have in such a situation (v. 17a)?
6. If the father exercised this option, what was the man still required to do (v. 17b)?
7. What was a sorceress (v. 18)?
8. What was to happen to a sorceress in Israel (v. 18)?
9. What happened to the person in Israel who engaged in sexual relations with an animal (v. 19)?
10. If someone in Israel offered sacrifices to another god than the LORD Yahweh, what was to happen to them (v. 20)?

**Questions for Reflection and Discussion:**

11. Should Christians read novels or watch movies that feature magic and the occult?
12. Is it proper for a Christian to share the Gospel with a practicing witch? Explain.
13. Should civil penalties be inflicted today for the actions under consideration in Exodus 22:18-20? Why or why not?

14. Mainly since the eighteenth century, what has been the big debate and matter of controversy with respect to the civil magistrate's jurisdiction?
15. If Israel's civil code is no longer binding on people today (WCF 19.4), how can God hold accountable a nation or country to outlaw the kinds of practices in Exodus 22:18-20?
16. Are there nations today that are in covenant with God and bound to uphold and enforce the Christian faith?
17. Should any of these prohibited activities be done by a professing Christian, what should happen?
18. Can Christians fall away from the faith? Why or why not?
19. Are there unbelievers in the New Covenant just as there were in the Old Covenant?
20. What breaks down unity and cohesion in a church congregation?