



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Exodus 22	Title:	God's Heart for the Foreigner
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Summary of Chapter	This chapter is a continuation of God's instructions to the Israelites, explained in greater detail, on how the 10 Commandments were to be expressed in the lives of God's people.		

Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?
<p><i>21 You must not mistreat and oppress foreigners in any way. Remember, you yourselves were once foreigners in the land of Egypt.</i></p>	<p>How were the Israelites to treat the foreigners in their midst? Exo 22:21 says they were not to mistreat or oppress them. God also said the Israelites were to love the foreigners as themselves (Lev 19:33). For us, not only do I see this as being consistent with the character of God in caring for the oppressed, but I also see it as God's way of reaching out to people whom we otherwise would have no opportunity to meet. Recently, I was encouraged by the testimony of a Gracian who is working as a medical professional in a hospital. There was an Indian national being treated for an aggressive cancer in the neck. She shared her dying wish to be reunited with her children in India. It seemed to be an impossibility during the pandemic but this Gracian and his colleagues went out of their way to make the necessary arrangements. Finally, she was back in her village where she passed away two weeks later. This is how God expects us to treat foreigners – with compassion and with whatever resources that we have. Closer to home, some years back, I was staying briefly with a relative. While I was there, I observed how the domestic helper was given the same kind of noodles with no other ingredients for breakfast every day. When I witnessed that, I shared with the owner why that was not right and how she could stretch her dollar to provide something more nutritious and substantial instead. Thank God, she received it well and took my advice. From then on, the helper's breakfast was more varied and nutritious.</p>

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	How can you bless our foreign workers especially during this pandemic?
Youth:	What is God saying to you regarding the foreign students in your school? How are you showing God's love to them?
Child:	Do you have a domestic helper at home? How does God want you to treat her?

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Father, we thank You for the foreign talent that You have brought into our country, to bless and help build the economy and infrastructure. Thank You, God, for their willingness to leave their country and work here. May You be their Provider and Protector during their stay here. Most of all, may they know You as their Lord and Saviour.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.