

Reformed Church of Whanganui

Sermon Outline/Notes page

Sunday Morning 3rd May 2020

Reading: Luke 19:1-10, Exodus 22:1-15

God has graciously set matters right for us through the cross of Christ. When something goes wrong accidentally or deliberately this passage teaches us to do whatever we can to set things right with our neighbour. When we do then, as Jesus says, "salvation has come to this house."

1. When property is lost

Civil laws in the Old Testament applications of the Ten Commandments

Theft of livestock (one's living)

Breaking and entering and the limits of self-defense.

Negligence e.g. someone's horse devouring a neighbors vegetable garden or carelessness during a rural burn-off.

Care of another's property

Borrowed goods; not Shakespeare (neither borrower nor lender be) but Biblical love

If something goes wrong and property is lost the remedy would be to make restitution.

2. The law and the mercy of God

Our efforts at keeping the law in all its applications can never satisfy God's justice.

God sets things right for his people in the ceremonial law which points to the cross of Christ e.g.

Jesus who came to "seek and save that which was lost" sees Zacchaeus

Zacchaeus is convicted repents wants to make restitution

Jesus says to Zacchaeus "salvation has come to this house."

3. Responding to God's grace.

Biblical law compared to Babylonian Hammurabi code.

Jesus is not only our savior but the fairest and most gracious Lord & master. We do well to obey Him.

Have the attitude to set things right with your neighbor just as God has set things right with you through the cross of Christ