

## Exodus 20:15

# *Seeking the Peace – The Bible and Property*

Living in Exile – Part Six

Sermon Notes for September 28, 2008 by Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

**Intro- Isa. 48:22, Party Spirit, Evangelicals, Main and Wall Street and Our Present Distress**

**Review 2007 Election Day Sermon - Deut 5; 23:15-24:7 (see also Ex. 20-22, Lev. 19)**

1. The Bible links life and property, thus exalting property, not debasing men.
2. The Bible limits our use of "private" property. (The earth is the Lord's)
3. God-given limits establish the importance of private property. (10<sup>th</sup> Word)

**I. Property as Man's First Gift – Gen. 1:26-28**

**II. Property and Eschatology – Matt. 5:5; Luke 16:10; 1 Cor. 4:2**

**III. Property and Class (contra Hammurabi) – Ex. 22:1-4; Lev. 19:15**

**IV. Property and Responsibility – Ex. 22:5,6**

**V. Property and Loss – Ex. 22:7-15**

**VI. Property and the "Bailout"**

A. Confusion of Roles:

Civil State - Institution of Vengeance and Standards

Church and Family – Institutions of Benevolence

B. Proper Goals and Proper Means

C. Greed and Misrepresentation (Consumers and Lenders)

D. Seeking the *Peace* of the Family and the Culture

Pr. 13:11, 10:4,22; Mal. 3:8; Rom. 13:8, 1 Tim. 6:8, 17-20; Eph. 4:28

E. Restoring Responsibility (contra "Sensitivity") Ex. 21:28,29

F. Restoring Freedom vs. Slavery (Note the context of the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment.)

**VII. Property and Ballot Measure 63**

Waves Building Permit Requirements for Minor (Under \$35,000) Home Improvements