

Bible Study 3 – God’s response to poverty – Deuteronomy 24:10-22

A farmer new to the area, rented some land and started planting crops. For years, he borrowed a neighbour’s tractor, disk, harrow, and other implements to prepare his land. And he borrowed his tractor and cultivator to plant his crop. After several years, he was able to buy his own tractor and a few implements. Not long after that, he was overheard telling someone he was not going to let his neighbours borrow any of his equipment and wear it out like his neighbour had done. Both men were members of the same church. One was generous, the other selfish. One was love in action (helping & serving people), the other used others.

The context	Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to settle in Canaan. After a summary of their journey from Mt Sinai, Deuteronomy is a series of farewell messages given by Moses to prepare the people to enter Canaan under the leadership of Joshua. God promises to protect them if they obey Him and there would be blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience. The ten commandments are repeated, and many other laws are described.
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PART 1 Read & then write each section in your own words – Deut. 24:10-22

Loans (v.10-13)	
Employees (v.14-15)	
The needy (v.17-18)	
Gleaning (v.19-22)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?

3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in these passages?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. How should a Christian respond to the needy?
Romans 15:26-27

James 2:14-18

1 John 3:16-18

7. Which parts of the passages were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

God told the Israelites how to show compassion to the needy. Likewise, Christians are obliged to put the needs of others above their own needs by denying self for the interests of others. Jesus said: “Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (Jn. 15:12-13).

