

# Strangers in a Strange Land

Exodus 2:22

# The Needy Stranger

- Stranger is the most common word for an immigrant in Scripture (Ezek. 14:7).
- It is not an enviable position (Deut. 14:21).
- God shows particular kindness to the immigrant (Psa. 146:9; Deut. 10:18).
- From His love and kindness we are to learn to do the same (Deut. 10:19).
- The stranger is put alongside other categories in need of special attention (Lev. 19:10; Deut. 24:20-21).
- Thoughtful sympathy is called for (Ex. 22:21; 23:9; Lev. 19:34; Deut. 10:19; 23:7).
- God brings judgment on those who disregard these commands (Ezek. 22:7, 29; Mal. 3:5; Matt. 25:41-46).



# The Rule of Law

- Justice for the stranger was founded on faithful application of God's Law (Ex. 12:49; Lev. 24:22; Num. 15:16; Deut. 31:12; Josh. 8:33-35).
- These laws provided benefits and protections (Num. 35:15; Deut. 16:11, 14).
- They also came with responsibilities and penalties (Lev. 18:26; 20:2).
- The blessings and responsibilities all went together (Ex. 23:12).

# No Political Solutions

- We have an immigration problem because we have a sin problem (Deut. 28:43-44).
- The sort of political movement that could actually do good isn't even considered (Jonah 3:6-10).
- We must act as individuals ought to act in a wicked place (2 Pet. 2:7).