

# Lomax Temple A.M.E. Zion Church Sunday School

Jan. 16, 2022 - Topic: *"Unbiased Actions" Exodus 23:1-12*

**Sunday School begins at 8:30 A.M.**

*(Each class has 5 minutes to answer their questions)*

1. Read Ex. 23:1-3. (A) Briefly elaborate on various ways people spread false reports. (B) How can we do better to resist the temptation to go along with those who are popular but unfair within our society, families and church? (C) Briefly define and relate the Hebrew word "*natah*" to this passage.
2. Read Ex. 23:4-6. (A) Google or research "Covenant Code" explain why it was necessary. (B) Reflect on Matt. 5:10-13 and explain why it is important to do good unto those who hate you. (C) Give your explanation of verse 6.
3. Read Ex. 23:7-9. (A) In your opinion explain each of these statements and how they relate to this verse: *half-truths; a little white lie; and holding back on the truth*. (B) If you know the truth but remain silent are you being deceptive? Explain. (C) Can this passage also relate to holding back on our gifts to God? Explain.
4. Read Ex. 23:10-12. (A) Define Sabbath and Sabbatical Year. (B) Read Mark 2:27 aloud and relate it to this passage. (C) Today, how should we apply reverence and respect for the Sabbath Day?

## PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS:

*(For the questions below be prepared to answer Yes-or-No)*

- A. Are children born knowing moral practices or are these practices learned behavior?
- B. Do we as humans look for consistent rules to live by?
- C. Do we find it difficult not to let our preconceived notions affect the way we treat others?
- D. Do we have a tendency to step on others in our desire to get ahead?
- E. Are we living in a "dog-eat-dog" world? Explain.
- F. Do we accept that morality should be absolute, not selective or situational?
- G. Do we accept that God will reward good and punish evil in His time and way?
- H. Do we accept that God's standards of justice require us to go against the crowd?

**Complete the worksheet: "Justice And Fairness"**