

March 18 Questions

- 1) Moses' Second Sermon (Part 2b). The law of the _____ year commanded all creditors to grant a _____ of whatever they had _____ to a fellow Israelite (Deut 15:1–2; cf. Exod 23:10ff). God urged the people to be _____ and give their neighbor whatever they might need. This teaches us that it's our responsibility to _____ for the poor and needy in our community. Moses pointed out that there *didn't need to be* any poor among the Israelites, for if they would love and obey God, He would bless and prosper them (Deut 15:4–6). However, God knew this _____ would not be realized; inevitably the _____ of some would affect the lives of all, and thus the poor would never cease from the land (Deut 15:11). This law was *not* telling the people to give aid to the _____ who had incurred God's wrath (cf. 2 Chr 19:2; Amos 4:7). Rather, it was encouraging Israel to care for those who had been adversely affected by the results of the fall and the sin of others. If we aid those who are poor as a result of their own sin without confronting them about their need for repentance, we become an _____ of their sin. Our obligation is to _____ our hand to the poor, while at the same time exercising _____ toward the root cause of that poverty.