

What the Bible Says about Refugees

- God created man in His own image - Genesis 1:27-28
- You should have the same law for the native and the stranger who sojourns among you - Exodus 12:49, Leviticus 24:22, Numbers 15:15-16, Deuteronomy 1:16
- “You shall not oppress the foreigner” is listed twice in Laws about Social Justice at Mount Sinai in Exodus 22:21 & Exodus 23:9 – also in Deuteronomy 24:14, Jeremiah 22:3, Zechariah 7:10,
- Rest on the seventh day – it also gives the opportunity for the foreigners living among you to be refreshed - Exodus 23:12, Mark 2:27
- Leave the extras from your field for the sojourner to collect - Leviticus 19:9-10, 23:22, Deut 24:19

- Do not do the stranger wrong, but treat them as the native among you, loving them as yourself - Leviticus 19:33-34
- God loves the foreigner and calls His people to love the foreigner. He gives them food and clothing - Deuteronomy 10:18-19
- Do not pervert justice due to the foreigner - Deuteronomy 24:17-18, 27:19
- Give a tithe of your produce to the sojourner - Deuteronomy 26:12
- Assist strangers who need help - Job 29:16
- The wicked kill foreigners - Psalm 94:6-7
- God protects the foreigner - Psalm 146:9

- If you do not oppress the sojourner, then you can dwell in the Lord's house - Jeremiah 7:5-7
- Do not extort the sojourner - Ezekiel 22:6-7, 29
- God will judge those who thrust aside the foreigner - Malachi 3:5
- Joseph, Mary and Jesus fled to Egypt as refugees - Matthew 2:13-14
- Jesus said that those who feed the hungry and welcome the stranger will inherit the Kingdom - Matthew 25:35
- Jesus shared the parable of the Good Samaritan, indicating him, the foreigner, as the proven neighbor because of mercy he showed the man who had been robbed - Luke 10:36-37

- Each nation comes from one man – Acts 17:26
- God determined periods and boundaries of dwelling for each person in the hope that they would come to know Him – Acts 17:26-27
- Show hospitality to the stranger – Romans 12:13, Hebrews 13:2
- Our citizenship is in heaven – Philippians 3:20
- Every nation, tribe, and language will stand before the throne and the Lamb – Revelation 7:9

**From these verses, there are 5-6
major themes that God calls us to
care about**

- Equal rights in laws and justice
- Physical protection
- Well-being – rest, food, clothing, hospitality
- God loves the foreigner – they are created in His image and will be a citizen of heaven where every language will be represented
- Being conscious to not look down upon or covertly oppress