**Immigration**

**God loves everyone and he demonstrated that by sending his son do die for our sins. The bible also tells us that we were made in his image. One of the hot topics that you may be faced with is the topic of immigration. Either you will face as a discussion topic and one may be seeking your opinion or you may be an immigrant. We are descendants of immigrant here in the United States unless you were a Native American. However I believe that if you were a Native American that your ancestors migrated to this land. We are all to follow the laws of the land no matter who we are but we are to have compassion and understanding. Let’s what the bible says on this:**

[**Leviticus 19:33-34**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Leviticus+19%3A33-34&version=ESV) **“When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.**

[**Exodus 22:21**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+22%3A21&version=ESV) **“You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.**

[**Exodus 23:9**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+23%3A9&version=ESV) **“You shall not oppress a sojourner. You know the heart of a sojourner, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.**

[**Malachi 3:5**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Malachi+3%3A5&version=ESV) **“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.**

[**Matthew 25:35**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+25%3A35&version=ESV) **For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,**

[**Deuteronomy 27:19**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+27%3A19&version=ESV) **“‘Cursed be anyone who perverts the justice due to the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’**

[**Romans 13:1-7**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+13%3A1-7&version=ESV) **Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ...**

[**Jeremiah 7:5-7**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+7%3A5-7&version=ESV) **“For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever.**

[**Exodus 12:49**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+12%3A49&version=ESV) **There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you.”**

[**Leviticus 25:35**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Leviticus+25%3A35&version=ESV) **“If your brother becomes poor and cannot maintain himself with you, you shall support him as though he were a stranger and a sojourner, and he shall live with you.**

[**Hebrews 13:2**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+13%3A2&version=ESV) **Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.**

[**Zechariah 7:9-10**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Zechariah+7%3A9-10&version=ESV) **“Thus says the Lord of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.”**

[**Deuteronomy 24:19-22**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+24%3A19-22&version=ESV) **“When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over them again. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow. When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not strip it afterward. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this.**

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[**Genesis 12:1**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+12%3A1&version=ESV) **Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.**

[**Leviticus 24:22**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Leviticus+24%3A22&version=ESV) **You shall have the same rule for the sojourner and for the native, for I am the Lord your God.”**

[**Psalm 146:9**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+146%3A9&version=ESV) **The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**