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Leviticus 19:11-25

In his book, *Mere Christianity*,* C. S. Lewis argued that the concept of fairness is so universal to human societies that it can function as evidence of God's existence. To people who live in modern civilized society many of the instructions in Leviticus 19 seem self-evident: to paraphrase Jesus, "Even the worst people in society know that!" (Matt. 5:46-47).

I would offer two comments: First, the nation to whom these instructions were given had lived as slaves in a foreign land for over 400 years: they knew what it was to be "owned" but not what it was to be free. Their new Owner had values different from those of their previous owners! They had never experienced fairness.

Second, even as culturally advanced people, we need to be reminded that fairness is one of the characteristics of God's holiness and that he expects his people to behave fairly toward each other and all people.