

## **Morning Message Outline**

February 9, 2020

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### **Welcome Immigrants with Godly Love** **Leviticus 19:33-34 / Deuteronomy 10:12-22**

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- I. Introduction: Two great commandments.
- II. God's heart for those who are poor and vulnerable to unjust treatment
  - A. He defends the fatherless and widow
  - B. He loves the alien (foreigner).
  - C. Really? Didn't God order Israel to kill all the Canaanites and take their land?
- III. The reason God's people are to love the foreigners living among them
  - A. Living as aliens in a foreign land is a big part of Israel's national heritage.
  - B. They are to do for others as God has done for them.
  - C. God's kingdom is open to covenant foreigners who pledge their love, loyalty, and allegiance to him.
- IV. The implications for American Christians
  - A. We are to show Christian love to foreign-born immigrants, treating them justly and mercifully.
  - B. We seek a just and merciful approach to immigration reform.
  - C. We readily minister to immigrants of all ethnic origins and welcome them into our churches.
- V. Prayer for the Hanley 'foreigners' heading to Uganda