You Shall Love The Stranger As Yourself: The Bible, Refugees and Asylum: Biblical Challenges in the Contemporary World

You Shall Love the Stranger as Yourself: The Bible, Refugees and Asylum addresses the complex political, legal, and humanitarian challenges facing asylum seekers and refugees from a Biblical perspective. The book explores the timeless theme of hospitality and justice through case studies of contemporary refugee situations.

You Shall Love the Stranger as Yourself: The Bible, Refugees and Asylum presents a comprehensive examination of the biblical principle of hospitality, focusing on the biblical texts in Leviticus 19:33-34, which command: “You must treat the foreigner living among you as the native-born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt.” The book explores how this principle was applied in the ancient world and how it continues to be relevant today.

The book traces the development of the principle of hospitality in the Hebrew Bible, showing how it was applied in the Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman periods. It then examines how the principle was interpreted in the early Christian church and how it was applied in the Middle Ages.

The book also explores the ways in which the principle of hospitality has been applied in the modern era, especially in the context of refugee crises. It discusses how the principle can be applied in the contemporary world, drawing on examples from the United States, Europe, and Australia.

You Shall Love the Stranger as Yourself: The Bible, Refugees and Asylum concludes by offering a biblical perspective on the current refugee crisis, calling for a renewed commitment to hospitality and justice.

The book is a valuable resource for students, scholars, and practitioners in the fields of religious studies, theology, ethics, and humanitarian studies. It is also a valuable resource for those interested in the intersections of religion and politics, and in the contemporary challenges facing asylum seekers and refugees.