



## “Human Life”

A Culture of Dignity

Exodus 21:12-27

Dignity requires:

### I. Respect – “presumptuously...to slay with guile”(v. 12-17)

We esteem:

A. **Life** – “so that he die”

B. **Liberty** – “steals...sells him...be found in his hand”

C. **Leadership** – “he that curses his father or his mother”

### II. Restitution - “he shall pay for the loss” (vs. 18-22)

We experience damage due to:

A. **Arguments** – “if men strive together”

B. **Anger** - “if a man smite his servant”

C. **Accident** – “If men strive, and hurt a woman with child”

### III. Retribution - “he shall be surely punished” (vs. 22-27)

We endure curtailed:

A. **Life** – “thou shalt give life for life”

B. **Limits** - “burning for burning”

C. **Labor** – “let him go free for his eye’s sake”

## Sentence Sermon:

**“Because human beings are made in the image of God, we are to love them by treating them with honor and dignity.”**

## Additional Verses

- *Psalm 8:4*
- *Genesis 9:6*
- *Isaiah 1:17*
- *I Timothy 1:10*
- *Matthew 15:3-6*
- *Deuteronomy 17:6-7; 24:7; 27:16*
- *Numbers 35:9-15, 30-31*
- *Leviticus 20:9*
- *I Kings 1:50-53; 2:29*
- *II Timothy 3:3*
- *I Samuel 15:23*
- *I Thessalonians 5:12*

## Cities of Refuge

- *Numbers 35:6-34; Deuteronomy 19:1-13; Joshua 20*

## Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. What would make someone want to smite someone to death?
4. Do sanctuary cities justify non-premeditated killing? Why?
5. Why does God provide for a place for them to flee?
6. What is the worst part of premeditated killing? Explain.
7. Why are fathers and mothers singled out to be protected?
8. Why would someone curse their father and mother?
9. What does stealing a person say about your view of them?
10. How would you summarize the lesson from verses 18 and 19?
11. Why would a man beat his servant?
12. Why are there limits placed on beating a servant?
13. What is God telling us about His values in this passage?