



“Civil Protections”

Mercy and Justice
Deuteronomy 19:1-21

Protection with:

I. Refuge – “that every slayer may flee thither (vs. 1-13)

A calling to:

- A. Prepare** – “separate three cities for thee in the midst of the land”
- B. Pity** - “he was not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him not”
- C. Prosecute** – “thou shalt put away the guilt of innocent blood”

II. Real-estate– “which thou shalt inherit in the land” (v. 14)

A commitment to:

- A. Recognize** - “thy neighbor’s landmark”
- B. Respect** – “which they of old time have set”
- C. Remember** – “that the Lord thy God gives thee to possess”

III. Retaliation – “do to him as he thought to have done”(vs. 15-21)

A conclusion for:

- A. Claims** – “If a false witness rise up against any man”
- B. Controversy** – “both the men between whom the controversy is”
- C. Curtailment** – “shall henceforth commit no more any such evil”

Sentence Sermon

We are not diplomats but prophets, and our message is not a compromise but an ultimatum. A.W.Tozer

Additional Verses

- **Joshua 20:1-9**
- **Proverbs 22:28; 23:10**
- **Micah 6:8**
- **Numbers 35:9-34**
- **John 14:21**
- **Matthew 5:38-42**
- **Deuteronomy 25:11-12; 27:17**
- **Hosea 5:10**
- **Exodus 20:16; 21:23-26**
- **Leviticus 24:17-22**
- **Proverbs 6:16-19**

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why do you think God come up with the idea of cities of refuge?
4. What separated an innocent slayer from one who is worthy of death?
5. What was the expansion of the number of cities of refuge dependent on?
6. What are some parallels between today’s laws and verse 11?
7. What determines whether or not someone deserves pity or not?
8. What are some characteristics of a neighbor’s landmarks found in v.14?
9. Why is a false witness so terrible?
10. How is the “eye for an eye” principal misused today? What did Jesus say?
11. How is the concept of mercy seen in our justice system today?