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Deuteronomy 21

RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE LAND

FIVE CASE LAWS OF JUSTICE

Sermon Questions

1. The various laws in Deuteronomy reveal the unchanging _____ of God.
2. Who primarily acts with the heifer in an unsolved murder?
   i. The priests, offering a sacrifice.
   ii. The elders, demonstrating what they would do to the one found guilty.
   iii. The victim's family in a private ritual.
3. Bloodguilt is _____. Even when the murderer is unknown, the nearest city must seek justice before God.
4. God's law toward captive women shows _____ and dignity—full marriage rights, or freedom, never sale as slaves.
5. Marriage is a gift from God to honor and protect women. (True/False)
6. Laws that regulate polygamy mean that God approves of multiple wives. (True/False)
7. The main point of vv. 15–17 is not the marriage arrangement but _____.
8. God's design is that the next generation would be funded by the present _____.
9. The rebellious son is "stubborn and rebellious," a "_____ and a drunkard"—not a young child.
10. To view criminals as victims is to reverse God's moral _____.
11. God has ordained the _____ as the first line of defense against sin.
12. A condemned man's body must be buried the same day because he bears the _____ of God.
13. These laws define righteousness and direct us to _____.
14. Galatians 3:13 says, "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a _____ for us."

Discussion Questions

1. Bloodguilt is corporate (vv. 1–9). Where do we see innocent blood polluting our land today, and what would it look like for civic and church leaders to mourn, confess, and plead for the Lord's mercy together?

2. God's law protected vulnerable captive women with compassion and dignity (vv. 10–14). How should Christian men use strength and authority to honor women as heirs of the grace of life rather than to prey on them?

3. Parents are to leave an inheritance and invest in the next generation (vv. 15–17). How are we tempted—personally or culturally—to spend our children's future, and what would faithful stewardship look like in our households and church?

4. These laws point to Christ—the atoning sacrifice, the Bridegroom, the firstborn who shares his inheritance, the one accused as "a glutton and a drunkard," and the cursed one hanged on a tree. Which of these gospel connections most grips you, and why?

5. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon?

Discussion Questions for Children

1. When someone was killed and no one knew who did it, the nearest city had to show God they cared about justice. Why does God care when people are hurt, and how did Jesus take away our guilt?

2. Jesus was hung on a tree and became a curse for us so we could be forgiven (Galatians 3:13). How can you thank him this week for loving you that much?