

“Three Cities of Refuge” Deuteronomy 19-20 2/26/23

Today, we'd like to see the title of “Three Cities of Refuge” in Deuteronomy 19-20

To Online Word's people, *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. ([_____ Maranatha Worship Songs](#). Videos are seeable upon the click on the website). *YouTube Channel is not Available in China, Iran, Germany, etc. where only MP3 is available*

Q1. In 19:3, “You shall prepare roads for yourself, and divide into three parts the territory of your land which the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, that any manslayer may flee there,” what does it mean in the context? And explain the refuge, compared with the people in Christ? And what can we learn from here?

Q2. In 19:15, “One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established,” list the cross- references to this verse in the Scripture? And how was the false witness treated in the context? And what can we learn from here?

Q3. In 20:16, “But of the cities of these peoples which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, you shall let nothing that breathes remain alive,” why did the merciful and just God command so in the context? And what can we learn from here.

(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)

In the last time in Deuteronomy 18:21-22, “And if you say in your heart, ‘How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?’— ²² when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him,” we can observe (1) whether or not the prophecy is against the Scripture; and (2) it comes to be 100% accurate. If it doesn't happen, simply disregard it *Mat 5:18*.

According to Jesus' great commission in Matthew 28:20, “‘teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.’ Amen,” we are observing “all things” of the text today.

TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

<p>19</p> <p><u>¹When the LORD your God has cut off the nations whose land the LORD your God is giving you, and you dispossess [succeedest] them and dwell in their cities and in their houses, ² you shall separate three cities for yourself in the midst of your land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess.</u></p>	<p>19</p> <p>2=separate 3 cities....in... your land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess (3 cities were sacred places or sanctuaries; God distributed the promised land to 12 tribes. That parcel given to the tribe was divided to the families within the tribe)</p>
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³ You shall prepare roads for yourself, and divide into three parts the territory of your land which the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, that any manslayer may flee there.

⁴ “And this *is* the case of the manslayer who flees there, that he may live: Whoever kills his neighbor unintentionally, not having hated him in time past— ⁵ as when a *man* goes to the woods with his neighbor to cut timber, and his hand swings a stroke with the ax to cut down the tree, and the head slips from the handle and strikes his neighbor so that he dies—he shall flee to one of these cities and live; ⁶ lest the avenger of blood, while his anger is hot, pursue the manslayer and overtake him, because the way is long, and kill him, though he was not deserving of death, since he had not hated the victim in time past.

⁷ Therefore I command you, saying, ‘You shall separate three cities for yourself.’⁸ “Now if the LORD your God enlarges your territory, as He swore to your fathers, and gives you the land which He promised to give to your fathers, ⁹ and if you keep all these commandments and do them, which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and to walk always in His ways, then you shall add three more cities for yourself besides these three, ¹⁰ lest innocent blood be shed in the midst of your land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and *thus* guilt of bloodshed be upon you. ¹¹ “But if anyone hates his neighbor, lies in wait for him, rises against him and strikes him mortally, so that he dies, and he flees to one of these cities,

¹² then the elders of his city shall send and bring him from there, and deliver him over to the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die. ¹³ Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall put away the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with you.

3=Q1 prepare roads for yourself divide into three parts the territory of your land...any manslayer may flee there (In the light of verses 4-6, in order to be able to flee for the unintentional or accidental manslaughter – neither malice “hated him in time past” in verse 4, nor premeditation --- from the pursuing avenger of blood close to the victim, Israelites were commanded to build the roads by God for themselves; Here we see merciful God. A person who fled to city of refuge would be safe from death is a type of the people in Christ who are safe from our deserved eternal death into everlasting life by grace upon faith. *Deut 4:31*)

7= You shall separate 3 cities (God wanted the 3 cities of refuge for His people “lest innocent blood be shed” in verse 10; so an accidental manslaughter could flee to one of these cities until he or she could have a fair trial by the elders in verse 12)

11= ...if anyone hates his neighbor, lies in wait for him...strikes him mortally....(If an intentional killer flees to one refuge city)

12= ...the elders...bring him...deliver him to ...the avenger of blood....(The elder delivered him to the avenger; it's shown the justice of God with equity between an accidental killer and an intentional killer *Psalm 99:4*)

13= Your eye shall not pity him....put away the guilt of innocent blood...(By the death penalty to the intentional killer, God established justice *Numbers 35:17-19*)

¹ *Deut 4:31* (for the LORD your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.

² *Psalm 99:4* The King's strength also loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

³ *Numbers 35:17-19* And if he strikes him with a stone in the hand, by which one could die, and he does die, he *is* a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death. ¹⁸ Or *if* he strikes him with a wooden hand weapon, by which one could die, and he does die, he *is* a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death. ¹⁹ The avenger of blood himself shall put the murderer to death; when he meets him, he shall put him to death.

14 “You shall not remove your neighbor’s landmark, which the men of old have set, in your inheritance which you will inherit in the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess.

15 “One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.

16 If a false witness rises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing, **17** then both men in the controversy shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days. **18** And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and indeed, if the witness is a false witness, who has testified falsely against his brother, **19** then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother; so you shall put away the evil from among you. **20** And those who remain shall hear and fear, and hereafter they shall not again commit such evil among you. **21** Your eye shall not pity: life shall be for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

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1 When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.

14=...not remove your neighbor’s landmark...the men of old...the Lord is giving you to possess (Since God divided the land to tribes with landmark the marker of the boundary through ancestors, you must not remove it. Otherwise you would be punished)

15= Q2 One witness ...not rise against a man....any iniquity or any sin...2 or 3 witnesses the matter shall be established (Any iniquity, sin, matter, or issue shall be established by 2 or 3 witnesses even in a church *Deu 17:6; Mat 18:16^d*)

16-20 = (Before the Lord, a witness became a false witness through careful inquiry of judges before the priests, subject to the penalty of the testified wrongdoing. The purpose of the law was to deter such sin among people)

21= ...eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot (To get even was fairness or equity among people; its purpose was to deter sin among people. So, the law is good, as good God’s word, but the problem to us is inability to keep the law by flesh; now the problem is resolved to Christians by the Spirit in Christ from the law to the grace by faith *Rom 7:5-6^e*)

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1= When.....battle against your enemies.....more numerous than you....not be afraid of them...the God is with you...brought you up from the land of Egypt (In the battle, don’t fear of numerous enemies because God is with you in remembrance of God’s past works for you, unless you commit sin – if almighty God is for us, who can be against us? *Rom 8:31; Isaiah 59:1-2^g*)

⁴ *Deu 17:6* Whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on the testimony of two or three witnesses; he shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness; *Mat 18:16* But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’

⁵ *Rom 7:5-6* For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death. ⁶ But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.

⁶ *Rom 8:31* What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?; *Isaiah 59:1-2* Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. ² But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear..

² So it shall be, when you are on the verge of battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people. ³ And he shall say to them, 'Hear, O Israel: Today you are on the verge of battle with your enemies. Do not let your heart faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble or be terrified because of them; ⁴ for the LORD your God is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.'

⁵ "Then the officers shall speak to the people, saying: 'What man is there who has built a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man dedicate it. ⁶ Also what man is there who has planted a vineyard and has not eaten of it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man eat of it. ⁷ And what man is there who is betrothed to a woman and has not married her? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man marry her.' ⁸ "The officers shall speak further to the people, and say, 'What man is there who is fearful and fainthearted? Let him go and return to his house, lest the heart of his brethren faint like his heart.'

⁹ And so it shall be, when the officers have finished speaking to the people, that they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people. ¹⁰ "When you go near a city to fight against it, then proclaim an offer of peace to it. ¹¹ And it shall be that if they accept your offer of peace, and open to you, then all the people who are found in it shall be placed under tribute to you, and serve you. ¹² Now if the city will not make peace with you, but war against you, then you shall besiege it. ¹³ And when the LORD your God delivers it into your hands, you shall strike every male in it with the edge of the sword. ¹⁴ But the women, the little ones, the livestock, and all that is in the city, all its spoil, you shall plunder for yourself; and you shall eat the enemies' plunder which the LORD your God gives you. ¹⁵ Thus you shall do to all the cities which are very far from you, which are not of the cities of these nations.

2-4= (God commanded to the priest to deliver His word to the people on the board of battle place not to faint, fear, tremble, or be terrified because He goes with them against their enemies; Here, the word minister is exhorting or encouraging His sheep 2 Tim 4:2)

5-7 = (God commanded to the officers to deliver His word to whoever does not finish a task and let him go home and finish the task; You have not--finished a task – building a new house, planting a vineyard; betrothing – serious engaging -- period before marriage; You might be thinking about it, not concentrating on the battle. To go home and finish it is divine wisdom. E.g., God commanded to Gideon to choose 300 lapping soldiers – concentrating on the battle against Midianites Judges 7:6-7⁸)

8= The officers...there who is fearful and fainthearted? Let him go ...to his house, lest the heart of his brethren faint like his heart? (God again commanded the officers to deliver His word to fearing people to go home because his fear in the battle is influencing other brothers. Fear is a contagious thing.)

10-15 (God told how to conquer the distant cities very far from the cities of the nations in the promised land – (1) proclaim an offer of peace to the distant cities: (2) accepting citizens would provide tribute and serve you; (3) rejecting men citizens would be destroyed by you – you should enjoy all spoils/plunder as your possession such as women, children, livestock and all other things)

⁷ 2 Tim 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

⁸ Judges 7:6-7 And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water. ⁷ Then the LORD said to Gideon, "By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand. Let all the other people go, every man to his place."

<p>16 “But of <u>the cities of these peoples</u> which the LORD your God gives you <u>as an inheritance</u>, you shall <u>let nothing that breathes remain alive</u>,¹⁷ but you shall <u>utterly destroy them: the Hittite and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite</u>, just as the LORD your God has commanded you,¹⁸ <u>lest they teach you to do according to all their abominations which they have done for their gods</u>, and you <u>sin against the LORD your God</u>.</p> <p>19 “When you <u>besiege a city for a long time</u>, while making war against it to take it, you shall <u>not destroy its trees by wielding an ax against them</u>; <u>if you can eat of them</u>, do not cut them down to use in the siege, for the tree of the field <u>is man’s food</u>.²⁰ Only <u>the trees which you know are not trees for food</u> you may destroy and cut down, to build <u>siegeworks against the city that makes war with you</u>, <u>until it is subdued</u>.</p>	<p>16= Q3...the cities of these people...as an inheritance...let nothing that breathes remain alive (Why did the merciful and just God command the utterly destroying entire people here? The cities of the nations in the promised land were pagan nations. God protected His people from idol worship in verse 18, “all the abominations which they have done for their gods,” which would pollute Israelites with the sin of idolatry. So, let’s abstain from every form of evil for complete peace and for blameless preservation of our whole spirit, soul, and body ^{1 Thess 5:22-23⁹})</p> <p>19-20 = (Besiege a city for a long time; don’t cut down fruit trees because you may eat the fruit for food but cut down only fruitless tree and use it with weapons for the war until the city is conquered)</p>
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Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it’s better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study (NKJV) -- *All Scripture Expository Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies* -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. We think that “Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God’s Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5).” Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that actual experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jeremiah 23:28).

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⁹ 1 Thess 5:22-23 Abstain from every form of evil.²³Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Thank you everybody. Come to Jesus!

GOD's Continuing Work Through His Church Acts 29

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FAR REACHING MINISTRIES

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This is an extremely important newsletter to share with you, because we are at war with the cartel in Latin America. Gabriel is the director of our orphanage, and we have given him a code name for his own safety. Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) takes precautions because all information we share is a potential weapon to be used for good or for evil. We do not take the sharing of information lightly, because we know one little slip can result in a man being tortured beyond human understanding and then death.

Gabriel received a call from a senator in this Latin American country; at first, it seemed like an answer to our prayers when the senator stated that he had heard about the orphanage and wanted to help. As we have previously shared, this orphanage is specifically for children rescued from extremely abusive sex trafficking, slavery, and torture. One of our five-year-old girls is awaiting reconstructive surgery because of repeated rape and sodomitization. She needs her entire genital and anal area surgically reconstructed. This young girl has also tested positive for HIV. She was sold to as many as ten men a day. Luke, a trusted member of my staff, and former FBI agent has visited our camp on the island multiple times and told me that even though the children were severely traumatized, they now seem happy because they feel safe with us.

Another seven-year-old girl was violated so forcefully that she has liver and kidney damage and has to wear a catheter, and she will probably need to dialyze for the rest of her life. She also needs reconstructive surgery and a few other operations due to the extent of the damage done to her little body. On top of all this, she has been sodomized so many times that his body can no longer function correctly.

The senator promised to ensure all the money and political protection we would ever need. It sounded

THE LORD HAS GIVEN US A CALLING TO RESCUE AND PROTECT

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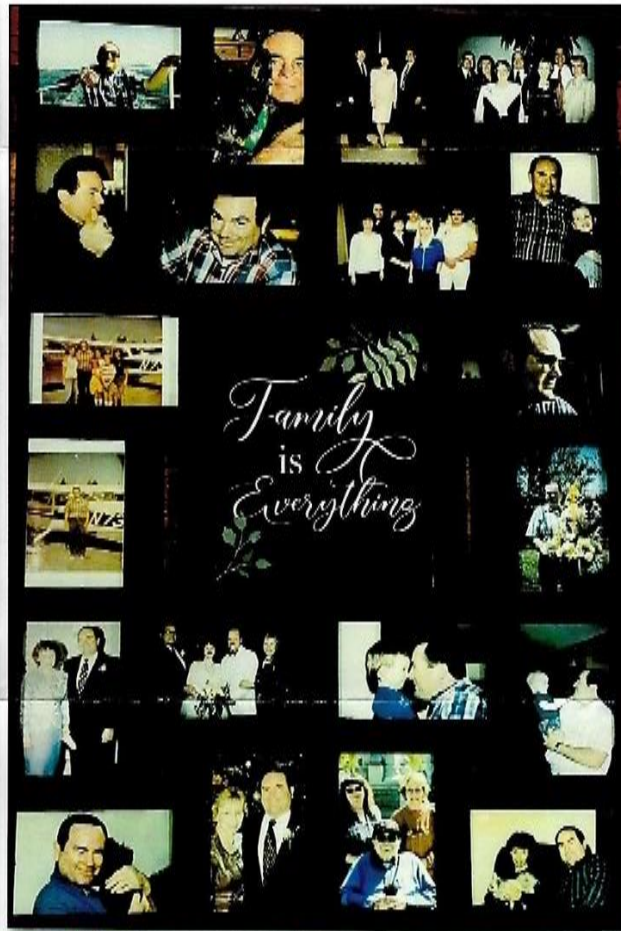
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Loudermilk Family Newsletter – February 2023



	<p>IN MEMORY OF George Howard Loudermilk <i>aka: Hubby / Pop / Skippy / Dad / Sunshine</i></p> <p>BORN December 28, 1912 Glendale, California</p> <p>PASSED AWAY January 6, 2023 Springdale, Arkansas</p> <p>MEMORIAL SERVICE 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 11, 2023 Benton County Funeral Home 400 N. 4th St. Rogers, Arkansas</p> <p>OFFICIATING Chaplain Chuck Reynolds</p> <p><i>Rest in Peace We Love you!</i></p>
<p>John 14:1 - 5 <i>Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms, if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.</i></p>	



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