

TAKE POSSESSION OF THE LAND!
A study in Deuteronomy
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MEN, REMEMBER YOUR CALLING: PURGE THE SIN FROM YOUR MIDST
Deuteronomy 21:1-22:9

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21:1-9 I. We must purge the guilt of our corporate living.

- A. The sin of one is everybody's business.
"...then your elders and judges shall come out..."
cf. Joshua 7:10ff
- B. The sin of one needs atonement for all.
"...and the elders of that city shall bring a heifer down to a valley with running water..."
cf. Micah 7:18-20
- C. The sin of one is atoned for in the context of a relationship.
"...accepted atonement, O Lord, for your people Israel, whom you have redeemed..."
cf. Deuteronomy 7:8
- D. The atonement of sin is what is right in the sight of the Lord.
"So you shall purge the guilt of innocent blood from your midst, when you do what is right in the sight of the Lord."
cf. Leviticus 16:20-22

Penitence vs Repentance

:10-14 II. We must purge the inhumanity of our corporate living.

- A. Captives have dignity in our corporate living.
"...and you take them captive..."
cf. Habakkuk 1:7
- B. Women have dignity in our corporate living.
"...she shall shave her head...take off her clothes...lament..."
cf. Numbers 20:29
- C. People have dignity in our corporate living.
"...you shall not sell her for money nor treat her as a slave..."
cf. Genesis 1:27-28

:15-17 III. We must purge the partiality from our corporate living.

- A. Loving someone more does not mean treating them better than others.
“...he may not treat the son of the loved as the firstborn in preference to the son of the unloved...”
cf. Genesis 29:30; James 2:9

- B. Loving someone less does not mean stripping their rights from them.
“...the right of the firstborn is his...”
cf. II Kings 2:9

:18-21 IV. We must purge the evil from the midst of our corporate living.

- A. Evil is rebellion against God-given authority.
“...if a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and, though they discipline him, will not listen...”
cf. Mark 7:10

- B. Evil is a burden for all those in authority.
“...his mother and his father shall take him to the elders of the city...”
cf. Exodus 20:12; Proverbs 19:18; 13:24; Ephesians 6:4

- C. Evil is to be atoned for by those in authority.
“Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones...”

- D. Evil dealt with by authority leads to a healthy fear.
“...and all Israel shall hear, and fear...”
cf. Deuteronomy 13:11; 17:13; 19:20

:22-23 V. We must purge the curse from our corporate living.

- A. The curse is the wage of our rebellion.
“...if a man has committed a crime punishable by death you shall put him to death...”
cf. Romans 6:23

- B. The curse defiles the land.
“...a hanged man is cursed by God...”
cf. Deuteronomy 28

- C. The curse needs to be removed from the land.
“You shall not defile your land that the Lord your God is giving you...”
cf. Galatians 3:13

22:1-12 VI. We must purge the syncretism from the midst of our corporate living.

A. It is syncretistic to love ourselves more than our neighbors.

"...you shall take them back to your brother..."

cf. Exodus 23:4-5; Leviticus 19:18

B. It is syncretistic to lose gender distinctives.

"...a woman shall not wear a man's garment..."

cf. Genesis 1:27-28

C. It is syncretistic to not value life.

"...you shall not take the mother with the young..."

cf. Genesis 9:9-10

D. It is syncretistic to grow like the kingdoms around you.

"...you shall not sow your vineyard with two kinds of seeds..."

cf. Isaiah 27:7; John 15:1ff

E. It is syncretistic to forget your set-apart-ness.

"...you shall make for yourself tassels..."

cf. Numbers 15:37-41

As obedient *children*, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'

I Peter 1:14-16