

TAKE POSSESSION OF THE LAND!
A study in Deuteronomy
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MEN, REMEMBER YOUR CALLING: COVENANT STIPULATIONS
ADMINISTER GOD'S LAW IMPARTIALLY

Deuteronomy 25:1-19

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The uses of God's law in the Christian life:

- Reveal His character
- Leads us to Christ
- Guides our walk
- Guides nations

25:1-3 I. Administer God's law impartially in the courtroom.

- :1** A. Assign guilt and innocence.
"...acquitting the innocent and condemning the guilty...."
- :2** B. Administer sanctions judiciously.
"...the judge shall cause him to lie down and be beaten in his presence..."
- :3** C. Protect the dignity of the convicted.
"Forty stripes may be given him, but not more, lest...your brother be degraded in your sight."

:4 II. Administer God's law impartially on the farm.

"You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain."
cf. Proverbs 12:10; Jonah 4:11; I Corinthians 9:8-12; I Timothy 5:17f

:5-10 III. Administer God's law impartially in the family.

- :5,6** A. Protect the vulnerable.
"If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead man shall not be married outside the family to a stranger. Her husband's brother shall go in to her..."
cf. I Timothy 5:3-8
- :7-10** B. Hold families accountable.
"...pull his sandal off his foot and spit in his face." cf. Matthew 22:23-33

:11,12 IV. Administer God's law impartially in the boxing ring.

- A. Boys will be boys.
"When men fight with one another..."
- B. Some things are worse than getting whipped!
"...and the wife of one draws near to rescue her husband..."
(cp. Assyrian laws)

:13-16 V. Administer God's law impartially in business.

- A. Fair trade
"A full and fair weight you shall have..."
cf. Leviticus 19:35, 36; Proverbs 11:1; Amos 8:4-6; Micah 6:11
- B. in Coram Deo
"...that your days may be long in the land.... For all who do such things are an abomination to the Lord your God." cf. Psalm 90:8; 105:4; 114:7; 139:7; 140:13; I Corinthians 1:29

:17-19 VI. Administer God's law impartially in witnessing.

"Remember what Amalek did.... blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven; you shall not forget..." cf. Exodus 17:8-16; I Samuel 15:1-9; Amos 1, 2; Acts 4:5-31; Philippians 1:27-30