**Worship in the Promised Land, Dt. 19, Part 7**

**(Dt. 12:1-28:68)**

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III. The Practices of Worship (Dt. 14-28): Family Practices

 A. Introduction: Family Practices: *“Children of the LORD”* (Dt. 14:1-2) >

B. Concerning Food (14:3-21)

C. Concerning Finances (14:22-29; 15:1-29)

 1. Release Debts (15:1-11)

 2. Release Debtors (15:12-18)

3. Respect firstlings (15:19-23)

D. Concerning Faith (16:1 ff.)

 1. Introduction about Feasts (vv. 1-17)

2. Introduction about Fairness (vv. 18-22)

3. Introduction about Focus (17:1 ff.)

 a. Principle of Focus (17:1)

 b. Procedure of Focus (17:2-7)

c. Practice of Focus (17:1-19:14)

1) Focus on Priests (18:1-8)

 2) Focus about Paganism (18:9-13)

 3) Focus for Prophets (18:14-22**)**

 **4) Focus on Places of Refuge (19:1-14)**

**Practice of Focus in Worship (19:1-14)**

**Focus on Places of Refuge (19:1-14)**

**PREMISE: Human justice fails but Divine justice is true!**

Dt. 4:43 > East of Jordan (N-S) > Golan, Ramoth, Bezer

**I. Jurisdictions (vv. 1-4)**

 **A. When? In the Land and their cities and houses (v. 1)**

 **B. Where? In the west of Jordan (vv. 2-3)**

 1. Three unnamed cities > Josh. 20:7 > West of Jordan (N-S) > Kadesh, Shechem, Hebron

 2. Easy access roads

 **C. Why? Give protection to manslaughter and to eliminate “tribal justice” (v. 4)**

**II. Justice (vv. 5-21)**

**A. The Example for the cities (vv. 5-6)**

 1. Chopping wood accident (v. 5)

 2. Avoid angry avenger (v. 6)

**B. The Extra cities (vv. 7-9) if they conquer all the land 3 more cities (= 9x)**

 1. More cities (v. 7)

 2. Lord promised all the Land (v. 8) > Gen. 15:18

 3. If Jews obey and conquer all, then 3 more cities (v. 9)

**C. The Execution in the cities (vv. 10-13) > before elders**

 1. Accountable for innocent blood (v. 10)

 2. Murderer flees to one of the cities (v. 11)

 3. Elders shall convict and kill (vv. 12-13)

**D. The Extradition (v. 14)**

 1. Motivation for moving landmarks > to gain more inheritance (Prov. 23:10)

2. Moved landmarks might affect cities of refuge

**E. The Exception (vv. 15-21)**

 1. Only one witness (v. 15)

 2. Witness may be false witness (v. 16)

3. Accused must be brought before altar of LORD (Dt. 12:27) and elders to sort out matter (vv. 17-18)

 4. Guilty must die (v. 19)

 5. Innocent must learn (v. 20)

 6. Retribution on guilty (v. 21)

**CONCLUSION: This is the best for human justice: needs heart right with Jehovah! Get ready for Bema!**