**Worship in the Promised Land, Dt. 21, Part 9**

**(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)

D. Concerning Faith (16:1 ff.)

E. Concerning Fighting (20:1-20)

F. Concerning Fratricide (21:1-9)

G. Concerning Foreigners (21:10-14)

H. Concerning Family (21:15-23)

I. Concerning Faithfulness (22:1-12)

1. Distinct Details with Life Stock (22:1-4)

2. Distinct Details in Looks (22:5)

3. Distinct Details in Living things (22:6-7)

4. Distinct Details in Living (22: 8-12)

**PREMISE: the LORD gave many practical guidelines for entrance into the Promised but Pagan Land.**

**I. Concerning Fratricide (21:1-9)**

A. The Problem (v. 1) > an unsolved murder > Dt. 19:5-10; Num. 35:33 > corporate (II Sam. 21:1-2)

B. The Procedure (vv. 2-3a)

1. Leaders: Elders and Judges deal with it

2. City: Closest city to investigate

C. The Practice (vv. 3b-6)

1. Take young heifer (innocent and un-worked > type of Christ)

2. Kill heifer

3. Priests to bless and wash hands > cf. Pilate (Mt. 27:24)

D. The Plea (v. 7-9)

1. Testify innocence

2. Heifer takes place of murderer to cleanse land

**II. Concerning Foreigners (21:10-14) cf. 20:15** (wives from outside Promised Land)

A. His Desire (vv. 10-11) > marriage to avoid rape (I Cor. 7:1-2)

B. Her Distress (vv. 12-13) > bewail parents and separate from pagan life (head and hands) > Lev. 14:8

C. His Divorce (v. 14) > divorce but no merchandizing of woman

**III. Concerning Family (21:15-23)**

A. The Polygamous Condition (v. 15a) > Jacob and sons (4 different mothers)

B. The Problem Child

1. First Born (vv. 15b-17) > next in line of authority, double portion as successor > II Ki. 2:9

2. Rebellious son (vv. 18-21) > parents are to stone permanent rebel (cf. Tit. 1:6)

C. The Prophetic Crucifixion (vv. 22-23 > if rebellion led to murder then crucifixion (> Cain, etc.)

1. Christ took place of rebellious son (mankind) > II Cor. 5:21

2. Christ died on cross for the sins of apostate mankind and was accursed by God > Jn. 19:6; Gal. 3:13.

**CONCLUSION: the Jews had a stewardship over the distinct details of life.**