**Worship in the Promised Land, Dt. 25, Part 19**

**(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. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. Concerning Faithfulness (22:1-12)

J. Concerning Foreigners (23:1-8)

K. Concerning Forbidden Things

L. Concerning Fitness: 1. Divorce 2. Newly-weds 3. Pledges 4. Kidnapping 5. Leprosy 6. Injustice 7. Justice 8. Generosity

M. Concerning Feeling (for others) > Criminals, Cows, Widows

**PREMISE: the LORD gave a series of practical concerns for family life in the Promised Land to a polygamous and warrior nation (Dt. 25:1-4).**

**“Justice in the Land”**

**PREMISE: Jehovah wanted the people practice justice in their new home, the Promised Land.**

**I. Relative to Wrestling (vv. 11-12)**

A. Perspective (v. 11)

 1. The Scenario: A wife harms man assaulting her husband.

 2. The Sin:

 a. Attack upon Seed Promise and Davidic dynasty (Gen. 3:15; II Sam. 7:12 ff.)

b. Uncover nakedness violation (Lev. 18:6, 14)

c. Principle of *Lex Talionis* may not always apply > (Ex. 21:24 > eye for eye)!

B. Punishment (v. 12)

 1. Cut off hand > cf. Mt. 5:30

 2. Show no pity

**II. Relative to Weights (vv. 13-16)**

A. Perspective > honest heart (Phil. 4:8) reflects honest behaviour (Lk. 8:15) > Rom. 12:17; I Pet. 2:12

 1. No diversity in weights and measures > great and small > Prov. 20:11, 23

 2. Perfect weights and measures (Prov. 11:1; 16:11) > length of days > Dt. 5:16; 6:2; Eph. 6:3

B. Punishment > Lev. 19:35-36 > Lk. 6:38!

 1. Dishonesty is unrighteous > cf. Amos 8:5

 2. Dishonesty is an *“abomination”* (117x) > “taboo”

**III. Relative to Wilderness (vv. 17-19)**

A. Perspective: Amalek > grandson of Esau (Gen. 36:15-16)

1. Remember Amalek’s sin > attack (Ex. 17:8 ff.) > Ex. 17:14 but Jews defeated (Num. 14:39-45) > finally gone (I Chr. 4:43)

 2. He won’t be remembered

B. Punishment > don’t forget to remember to forget him!

**CONCLUSION: the Lord wants Christians to be Honest and just in all dealings!**