HE BE TO BE PUT TO DEATH >>>

DEUTERONOMY 21:22 - 23:1

~ A rock and roll song says, ".... dude looks like a lady." That's only one of the unfortunate perversions prevalent in the United States of America. Pornographic and sexual decrepitness define the culture of this country and, indeed, the world — and God hates it. The Roman Catholic church is saturated with the filthy stains of being associated with child molestation and homosexuality. If the Roman Catholic church taught the epistle to the Romans properly, correctly and completely, they would be risking a lightning bolt in the pulpit. God designed this universe, and His rules are the only rules that matter. It would be good for us to begin to learn and return to God's laws and precepts in this age and condition the world is in; and we find all those laws right here in the book of Deuteronomy.

As Christians, we're not bound under the Mosaic System of Levitical Law in this age of grace. However, I'm going to be frank; and many people will think I am a little behind the times. God made man and woman different because we need to be different. We live in a day that men and women sometimes cannot be differentiated by looks; and, quite frankly, it's disgusting. Most of them act alike, and they do the most foolish and ridiculous things; taking up the dumbest causes that perpetuate purposelessness. I don't wonder at the so-called women's liberation movement, because womanhood has paid an awful price in this country as a result of homosexuality and other perverted sexual tendencies. Homosexuals claim they only want equal rights; but what they seek are MORE than equal rights – because they already have equal rights – they want exclusive privileges, they demand to be "in your face," and that you accept it. They have no regard for right-minded thinking. What they want is the right to be a perverted, malicious weirdo and MAKE society accept them. Well, friends — I don't accept that — I condemn it in no uncertain terms - because God condemns it in no uncertain terms. The sad result of all the homosexuality and "women's rights" are that men do not treat women as women. In many instances, that's just not possible anymore.

Prior to all of this warped thinking, women actually had BETTER than equal rights; but I digress, sort of.

This book of the Bible has been a very difficult study to undertake in more ways than one, to be sure. The Satanic attacks that have ensued upon me personally since we embarked on this leg of the Spiritual Safari have been absolutely horrendous. I know many readers have simply stopped reading; and, in all fairness, I recommended that most people stop reading a long time ago, because this reality is simply too profound for the small-minded man and woman who have their heads buried in the sands of death while erroneously believing they are saved. These reports are convicting to my own heart to write just to write them. I know they are difficult to read.

I'm just trying to teach you the Bible properly, correctly and completely, and in clear and certain language, because you will only find this depth of Bible knowledge in one other place. You could NEVER learn this much from ANY seminary school. Friends, if you do not understand and apply the spiritual concepts and precepts of Deuteronomy you can NEVER — NEVER — NEVER understand the New Testament — it's just impossible. Well, those who have suffered along with me in this part of the expedition are in for a very rewarding study in this report. Let's be sure: God loves us, and He saves us by grace - but we realize proper blessings if, and only if and when, we place all of our faith and trust in and OBEY Him. The only reason anyone ever did that was because they loved Him, my beloved.

Our last report broke off at the law for the prodigal son. That was another disturbing reality for most Israelite's. Deuteronomy ended a little differently for the prodigal son in this book than the account the Lord Jesus gave in Luke does. In fact, completely opposite. We did not consider the last two verses of chapter twenty-one in our last report because the principle needs to be expounded upon properly. It seems to be a very strange law tacked onto the end of this chapter by Moses. The strangeness is that we have a form of capital punishment that the nation Israel didn't even use. Israel stoned men and women to death; but the reason we have this passage is because AFTER that man or woman were stoned to death,

they would be hanged on a tree to place them on public display; so the entire nation would have a chance to view the executed. That doesn't sound very civilized, does it? Well, this was a display of warning to the people against heinous crimes. I think it was highly effective as a deterrent. I doubt Moses realized the full significance of this law; and certainly, the children of Israel did not understand the future implications.

Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed of God is every one that hangeth on a tree $^{\sim}$

Paul makes this remarkable statement because, as we know, the Lord Jesus was delivered into the hands of the Romans, and He was crucified on a Roman cross. As we have learned, only the Roman government could carry out the death penalty in Jesus day because they ruled over the land. Well, the Greek word used for the cross is "xulon" – meaning a suspended wooden beam – as in tree. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law and from the curse of sin – and from the penalty of sins. Christ only brings that pardon because He was made a curse for us. If you think the Romans or the Pharisee's were responsible for the death of Christ, you happen to be wrong; YOU and I are responsible for the crucifixion of Christ. Because we were crucified with Christ, then WE were hung on that tree with Him. Man was bruised by the fall and cursed by the law; but Jesus redeemed us once – for ALL. That's what happened and that's how we are responsible.

Deuteronomy is so frequently quoted in the New Testament that, if you aren't familiar with Deuteronomy, then you do NOT understand the New Testament writers. This is the PRECISE reason I insist on teaching the entire Bible – all sixty-six books. If God had only been interested in the Sermon on the Mount or the Olivet Discourse, then that's all we would have. If God only cared about John chapter three verse sixteen, or first Corinthians chapter thirteen, then John would have been the only one to write a Gospel record and Paul would have written the only epistle. Well, we have many more passages than the repetitive few some men and women seem to build an entire theology upon. If Deuteronomy were not important, then it

would not be in the canons of Scripture. The spiritual lessons here are invaluable; and that is the reason I consider it just as important as any other book of the Bible....

XXI

22 And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree:

23 His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

XXII

~ The Spiritual Safari does not outline the chapters of the Bible as a traditional Bible study should; but here, we do have a noteworthy division dealing with personal domestic relations. Most of these laws had relevance to the nation Israel as a whole; but here, God gets right down on street level in the home where people move about and have their individual and personal being. Here, we receive miscellaneous laws concerning brother to brother relationships, dress, building codes, the planting of seeds — and marriage.

We have all but abandoned the "good neighbor" rule in the United States. Most people do not even wave to their neighbors; let alone know who they are or what they are about. Our "social media" has absolutely isolated us as individuals and "connectivity" has disconnected us from each other in a way I doubt anyone knew was possible. We like to believe we are always inventing new things; but there is nothing new under the sun. President Roosevelt presented the "good neighbor" policy and every man in the country patted him on the back thinking it was brand new thinking. Honestly, that president was viewed as a new Messiah. Well, the idea just happened to be as old as Moses. It is, actually, even older than that as it goes back to the Throne of God in eternities past. God wants us to love our

neighbors in a very real way. If we could follow this outline as a people – at all – our society could be wonderful and enjoyable. I think we should all take some notes regarding how we should be helping and treating our neighbors....

1 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother.

2 And if thy brother be not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again.

3 In like manner shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his raiment; and with all lost thing of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise: thou mayest not hide thyself.

4 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fall down by the way, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely help him to lift them up again.

5 The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man; neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abominations unto the LORD thy God.

6 If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, whether they be young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young:

7 But thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, and take the young to thee; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days.

~ Well, a note of tenderness in protecting birds and animals is a wonderful but seemingly out-of-place law to give. God certainly is concerned for birds — and all of His creatures. God gave Adam dominion over all the earth. That carries a de facto responsibility. Remember, the Lord Jesus said, "not one

sparrow falls that God doesn't know about." The most literal translation of that is, "not one sparrow falls that does not fall into the lap of God the Father." Of course, if God is concerned with one little bird, then God has a concern for us, too; and God knows ALL about you, friends....

8 When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence.

~ Here, we have the building code for the roof of a house. In that day, the roof was the lanai, porch or patio. That's where the children of Israel would relax, and their children would play in the coolness of the evening. Well, God said, "put a protective rail around it." God didn't want the little children – or big children – falling off of the roof. This is just a commonsense law to keep people safe. God isn't quite as outdated as most people want to think He is. The Lord is interested in your house and what goes on inside of it. God wants your home to be dedicated to Him; and God wants the home set up His way. We have a real tragedy taking place today because the spiritual railing isn't on the spiritual roof of the spiritual home. Children pack up and take off and some parents have no idea where they went or what happened to them. God says, "the blood be upon thy house." That ought to alarm many of us deeply....

9 Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard, be defiled.

~ This is extremely interesting to me, friends. We are told to sow the seed of the Word of God in the Gospel - but Moses tells us not to mix the seeds. Now, I laugh when I read verse ten because it's funny. The Arab plows with an ox and an ass even today. An ox is an ox, and an ass is an ass, friends. They don't work or walk together in harmony; they are not alike – they are very different. This is what the Lord meant when He said not to be unequally yoked in marriage. There are some people who just shouldn't get married. I have actually seen the marriage of an ox and an ass, spiritually speaking, and the mixing of their seed is a frightful product. What they sow

and what they reap are always done very laboriously, indeed; and some strange stuff grows in their gardens, too. That's what God is talking about here....

10 Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together.

11 Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woollen and linen together.

12 Thou shalt make thee fringes upon the four quarters of thy vesture, wherewith thou coverest thyself.

~ Well, if you mix linen and wool together in the same garment you'll have a shrunken garb of garbage on your hands post haste. You'll look rather odd, too, by the way. We, as Christians, simply cannot blend in and mix with the world – it's just impossible. The "fringes" for a priest were to be blue, you may remember, because the part of the garment that touched the earth was to have a Heavenly color. When a child of God receives these great spiritual lessons then Heaven touches earth. We need to be very careful about sowing different seeds and operating in our own understanding. I hear people say, ".... let's get into the world and into the night club where we can reach these lost souls;" - well, make a note here: you will NOT reach them that way. No one has EVER been saved that way that I know of, but many have lost their faith doing that type of "outreach." I do know about them. One couple went to the bar to tell people about Jesus, but the woman got drunk and ran off with another man. If you have a different experience, please, by all means, let me know about it - because you'll be the first one to ever have that testimony....

13 If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her,

14 And give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid:

15 Then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth the tokens of the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate:

~ This was the protection of a Godly wife from an ungodly husband. This is something that is completely unknown to us today. God made an arrangement we do well to understand. Naturally, sometimes that woman was guilty, and we have the law for that, too. It's not pretty. Today, we hear a lot about stoning women for adultery, but we don't hear much about the adulterous man. Here, we see clearly they are BOTH to die. Further, don't bother quoting the seventh chapter of Romans to me in regard to the living spouse and how they aren't to marry. If the spouse was caught in adultery – under the law – they wouldn't be living anymore – man OR woman. They would just be another little rock pile in Israel. If we did it that way in the church you wouldn't be able to drive down the street because of the rock piles. That said, just take this for its spiritual meaning and don't bother trying to make it some outdated principle.

The guilty party today remains alive, of course. The Lord Jesus Himself makes it more than clear there is only ONE reason for divorce; and that one reason is adultery. Jesus did that because they are still guilty, and this just happens to be a reasonable and intelligent arrangement of design God fabricated for us. There was no "new morality" in the day we are studying; they had this law, which is a God-given morality, and this was the law the children of Israel operated under. We're going to talk about divorce in later reports, but let's be clear: any and every nation that has broken down in this regard is either not a nation anymore or they are a third or fourth world country – even if they possess great wealth. We should be ashamed of the United States of America, friends – because this is one shameful place....

16 And the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her;

17 And, lo, he hath given occasions of speech against her, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet these are the tokens of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.

18 And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him;

19 And they shall amerce him in an hundred shekels of silver, and give them unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days.

20 But if this thing be true, and the tokens of virginity be not found for the damsel:

21 Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father's house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you.

22 If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.

23 If a damsel that is a virgin be betrothed unto an husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her;

24 Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, because she cried not, being in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbour's wife: so thou shalt put away evil from among you.

25 But if a man find a betrothed damsel in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her: then the man only that lay with her shall die:

26 But unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; there is in the damsel no sin worthy of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbour, and slayeth him, even so is this matter:

27 For he found her in the field, and the betrothed damsel cried , and there was none to save her.

28 If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found;

29 Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.

30 A man shall not take his father's wife, nor discover his father's skirt.

XXIII

1 He that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD.

~ Our Spiritual Safari expedition through the entire Word of God is going to camp here for the night, because this gets into some extreme values and laws that the children of Israel were commanded to observe at the time in which we are studying. Our next report should be intensely interesting and important to anyone who calls themselves a sincere student of Scripture. Most people stopped reading a LONG time ago, my beloved. These laws are spiritually applicable to the day in which we live, and these laws and this section of Scripture can answer ALL of our questions about the Biblical view of almost every situation we will encounter in this life. I hope you can stay with us and learn these laws properly, correctly and completely ~

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