

Deuteronomy

- 19:15....but the number of witnesses is two! ^{par} -51
- 19:16....if a false witness shows up
- 19:17....both men are guilty before the Lord and His people
- 19:18....the judges determine the guilt
- 19:19....and the penalty will be exacted..the false witness will pay the penalty he intended for the victim
- 19:20....the whole camp will profit
- 19:21....and you will not hesitate to administer justice.

III. Conclusion

The justice of God is seen in these arrangements for His people. Sinners must be punished, innocent and victims must be protected. The principle is true in life and death as well as in personal matters. When we observe these things we make for peace and harmony in all levels of society. And thanks again for listening to these studies.

Lesson # 35

Deuteronomy 20

SOME LAWS ABOUT WAR

I. Introduction

Welcome to another study in the book of Deuteronomy. Today we move into chapter 20 as we discuss the ways in which Israel's faith is expressed. This chapter tells of some guidelines for war--a necessary function in the middle east at that time. The conquest and defense of Canaan is a mighty endeavor and there is a tendency to overlook personal right and privilege at such times. God wants an ordered society where justice and consideration rule and all persons are important. You will remember that these laws are for the theocracy and we live in another age and a different development of government. The particular enactments relate to Israel's setting but the general principles apply to us all. I hope you understand that but if not, write and I will try to make it more clear..as I am able..it is a basic point seen well in this chapter. Our division of material is this:

- 20:1-9....military arrangements
10-20...military engagements

II. Discussion

20:1.....when you go to war, remember the Lord is there!