

21:15-17...an inheritance problem

- v. 15..a man has two wives, loves one, hates one, his first born son is by the hated wife!
- v. 16..he cannot take the first born of the loved one in place of the first born of the hated.
- v. 17..he must acknowledge the right son.

21:18-21...the rebellious son

- v. 18..his errors and character of rebellion
- v. 19..he is brought to the elders
- v. 20..the official denunciation
- v. 21..the sentence and punishment..We have no record of this legislation every having been carried out but it sure is a stern warning.

21:22-23...the quick burial of one who is hung. Cf Galatians 3:3

III. Conclusion

This is a wide range of law intended to establish and keep peace in the community. It deals with situations not familiar to us but obviously of potential trouble for the community. So note that many of our problems would be speedily resolved if we take seriously to heart the guidance of the Word of God. And, once again, thanks for your participation with us today.

Lesson # 37

Deuteronomy 22:1-12

OF DOMESTIC PRACTICE AND RELATIONSHIPS

I. Introduction

Welcome to our further discussions in the book of Deuteronomy. Our immediate portion is Deuteronomy 12:1-12 where we have teachings concerning domestic practices and relationships. If you think there is a lot of this in Deuteronomy, you are right! Family issues are basic to society and family values set the standard for values in almost every other area. I hate to say it again, but you must remember that this is a different age and a different governmental arrangement. The principles are of great use to us while the individualized practices must be viewed in the historical contexts of where they are given and applied. It's not always easy to make these distinctions but if we fail it would make it appear that the Bible opposed technological development which, of course, it does not. But as things change with progression or regression, the basic ideas in principle will be valuable and directive. Those things we must seek and treasure. So in these 12 verses we find the following life matters discussed.