

- 22:22.....A couple involved in adultery will both die for the sin
- 22:23-24..and a betrothed virgin becomes sexually involved with a man in a city..they shall be stoned. It is presumed she was cooperative in the sin rather than being victimized...
- 22:25-27..but if the sin occurred in a field, only the man will die, for it is assumed the woman cried for help and there was simply no one to hear her! She is the victim of rape and not culpable in this case.
- 22:28.....Now if a man takes advantage of an unbetrothed virgin....
- 22:29.....He will be fined appropriately (the fine going to the family) and he will be required to take her as his wife and he may not put her away.."all his days".
- 22:30.....A man will not take his father's wife nor in any sense disrupt the purity of the paternal home. (discover his father's skirt)

III. Conclusion

This legislation does not cover everything in this category but it does show God's concern and interest in the morality of domestic relationships. Many of our difficulties today would be resolved if the truth of the Word was honored in these familiar situations. And remember that the more you read these things the more familiar you are with what God wants us to do. So, stay in the Word and allow it to be a daily encouragement to your heart and soul.

Lesson # 39

Deuteronomy 23

LIFE AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD

I. Introduction

The book of Deuteronomy covers many fields of instruction and we welcome you today to the continuing studies in this the 5th book of the Bible. We have seen that the covenanted basis for faith was belief in God and His law and we are now involved in expressions of that law for the lives of God's people. We are especially interested in the principles that underlie the particular statements and I have been trying to state these as we go. Chapter 23 covers a wide area of material related to life in the camp. Basically the camp of God is to be a well ordered and maintained facility demonstrated in and by the behaviour of God's people. We see the concern of holiness in all issues of life. I hope you can watch your Bible and see the ideas of the text as I try to discuss them and we outline the chapter like this: