

He Has Made Me Glad

Deuteronomy 19.1-14

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Conclusion

- we all mess up, we all sin
- we all deserve the wages of sin to be paid in full, and they were – by Jesus
- he is our city of refuge, our shield, our deliverer, our shelter, our strong tower
- He has made me glad

Introduction

Explanation of the Text

Implications of the Text

1. God has a plan to _____ people
 - people need to be saved from themselves
 - God makes sure there are cities where people can find sanctuary
 - Numbers 35; Joshua 21 – Shechem
 - Colossians 3.1-4
 - grace forgives, grace redeems, grace protects
2. God makes _____ accessible
 - we have access to God through Christ
 - the cities of refuge were set up to ensure that someone could get there before falling victim to vengeance
 - when Christ died, the veil was rent (Matthew 27.50-52).
 - The inner veil is presupposed in Hebrews 4:16; 6:19–20; 9:11–28; 10:19–22.; destruction of the inner veil would

primarily symbolize open access to God (Best, *Temptation*, p. 99).¹

- Romans 5.2; Ephesians 2.18; Hebrews 10.19-20; 1Peter 3.18

- Through Jesus, we can enter into the presence of God and find mercy and grace; a place where we will escape judgment and justice

3. _____ engenders grace

- God's blessing is provisional on Israel's obedience
 - the "if" clause is noted in the NT in reference to a person's salvation
 - Colossians 1.23; John 15.4-7; Hebrews 6.4-6
- Genesis 22.17-18
- faith, obedience, love, and blessing are very good friends with each other; let them be your friends too.

4. _____ is unavoidable for the unrepentant

- cheap grace is no grace
 - there were people that could anticipate a loophole, but God closes that

- These verses clearly teach that there was to be no abuse of this right of asylum.
 - Psalm 139
- but you can find refuge if you're willing to repent

5. _____ is more than just land – it's God _____ and _____ for survival

- the moving of boundary markers was essentially stealing land
- Ahab seizing Naboth's vineyard – 1Kings 21
- don't mess with God – you'll lose.

What is this passage saying to us?

1. life is _____ – treat it with respect
2. land is _____ – be grateful for what God has provided
3. _____ relates to both – this is about more than justice – it's about righteousness and love
4. obedience is a demonstration of _____ -- according to Jesus
5. God's paying _____ – you will never escape the judgment of God, but you can be rescued from it

¹ Carson, D. A. (1984). [Matthew](#). In F. E. Gaebelin (Ed.), *The Expositor's Bible Commentary: Matthew, Mark, Luke* (Vol. 8, p. 580). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House.