

Sermon Series – “The Gospel of the Kinsman”

Part 9 – “Refuge from the Avenger”

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Scripture Reading: Joshua 20:1-5

As we studied in part two of this series, “The Avenger,” there was a lawful _____ that fell to the nearest male _____ when a family member was held _____, taken captive, or murdered. The last of those crimes was the most serious, so God put in place a system to _____ such a situation in case the killing of an individual was unintentional and accidental. To escape the _____ of the avenger and find _____, God, through Moses and Joshua, setup six sanctuary cities to which the _____ could _____ and find safety. How is this glimpse of _____ important for us today? How does this _____ to the pain Jesus endured on the cross as He paid the price for our sins? May your hearts be blessed as we open the Scriptures today.

The Avenger’s Redemption

1. How did God _____ the principle of finding safety from the avenger? *Nm. 35:9-13*
2. Who had a _____ to these cities of refuge? *Numbers 35:14 & 15*
3. How were these cities _____ and cases tried? *Joshua 20:4-6a*
4. What is _____ by the names of these cities? *Joshua 20:7-9*
5. Does Scripture actually mention God as the _____ Avenger? *Deut. 32:39 & 43*
6. How did Jesus portray the Father in this _____? *Luke 20:9-16*
7. In which city will we find ultimate and eternal _____? *Rev. 20:7-10; 21:23-27*

The cities of refuge were a symbol of the refuge provided in Christ. The Saviour has by the shedding of His own blood provided for the transgressors of God’s law a sure retreat, into which they may flee for safety from the second death. No power can take out of His hands the souls that go to Him for pardon...

The prisoner who at any time went outside the city of refuge was abandoned to the avenger of blood. Thus the people were taught to adhere to the methods which infinite wisdom appointed for their security. Even so, it is not enough that the sinner believe in Christ for the pardon of sin; he must, by faith and obedience, abide in Him. “For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.”

Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 516-517

May we all find safety and redemption in the City of God!