

## Deuteronomy 18-21 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In Deut 19:1-13 what did God command (v1-2, 3, 7, 8-9) and for what purpose (v4-6, 10, 13)? What were they not for (v11-13)?

5. Based on 19:14-21 what to instances of injustice were prohibited (v14, 15-16)? How do these relate? How was a false witness to be discovered (v16-18) and punished (v19-21)?

6. Read 20:1-9. What attitude for war was needed (v1-3, 8) and why (v4)? What “rules” reinforced this (v5, 6, 7, 8, 9)? Summarize the principle for doing battle against the enemy.

7. Using 20:10-20 how was Israel to approach war in general (v10-11, 12-15, 19-20)? How were they to specifically deal with Canaanites (v16-17) and why (v18)?

8. From 21:1-9 how was Israel to deal with the dead who were discovered (v1, 2, 3-4, 5, 6-7, 8)? What would this accomplish (v9)?

9. According to 21:10-17 how were wives as the spoil of war to be treated (v10-11, 12-13, 14) and the sons of a man with two wives (v15, 16-17)? How did this value women?

10. In 21:18-23 who was to be executed (v18, 20) and by whose testimony (v19-20)? Who was to do it (v21)? What does this teach? What further rule was given regarding capital punishment and why (v22-23)?

11. Summarize how Deut 18-21 promotes truth (18), justice (19), and God’s way of dealing with evil (20-21). How can you apply this to your life?

### Scripture to Remember

“For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.”

**Deuteronomy 20:4 (NASV)**

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### Life Group Questions—Loving My Security (1 John 2:12-14)

*(Using- questions based on today’s message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Share with the group where you grew up. What did you like most about childhood? Your “youth”? What about adulthood?
2. Read 1 Jn 2:12-14. At first glance where would you place yourself? Why?
3. Discuss the characteristics of “little children” (diet, dependence, deception, division) on a human and spiritual level. Why are these typical of little children?
4. Talk about the “young men” stage—what is their mindset? Why is this stage valuable and what is their focus regarding God?
5. Explain the difference between what people typically think of as spiritual “fathers” and how John describes them.
6. Trace the progression of maturity from little children-young men-fathers. What aspect of God is each focused on, what danger does each face, and why is each valuable to the Body? Share with the group where you are and how you can grow.
7. If there is time discuss anything else meaningful to you from the message Sunday.



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## The Never-Ending Battle

### Introduction to Deuteronomy 18-21



**We must leave a legacy of God's Word for the next generation.**

#### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

In 1938 a superhero from the planet Krypton was created—Superman—who fought the “never-ending battle for truth, justice, and the American way”. As a nation with the Judeo-Christian heritage the “American Way” was established and preserved by truth and justice. Similarly, this week’s study shows that Israel was established on truth and justice so that God’s ways would be preserved. In the first section Moses dealt with demanding truth. The Levites would oversee this, so their portion of the sacrifices had to be insured, as well as their ability to live among the cities. On the flip side false religion had to be rejected. All of the practices of the Canaanites to foretell the future were detestable to God, such as divination, witchcraft, fortune telling, mediums and sorcery.

Rather, Israel was to rely on the true prophets like Moses, (and later Jesus) that God would raise up. They were not to fear prophets whose predictions didn’t occur, but were to kill them. Next, insuring justice was addressed. Cities of refuge for perpetrators of unintentional death were set up, while any murderer that sought refuge there would be rejected. Also, boundary lines were not to be moved because this inheritance was given by the Lord; also, false witnesses were to be ferreted out and punished like the one they were falsely accusing. That which the Lord had given, land or life, was to be justly protected. Finally, the subject of expanding God’s ways was discussed. In war they were to have confidence because God would fight for them. Any distraction would not be allowed

so that only those who were focused and confident would fight. Once they went to battle they were to seek surrender, and fight only if necessary. The exception was that all of the Canaanites were to be destroyed because of their evil. God’s ways included covering innocent bloodshed, insuring that wives would be valued, whether captives or unloved, and that no rebellious, stubborn son would be allowed to live. Even those who died by hanging were to be shown respect by removing them overnight. Their fight for truth, justice and God’s ways would never end.

## Daily Study Questions for Deuteronomy 18-21

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to <http://www.thehospitalchurch.com/LifeGuides.html>—lesson notes)

<p>1. Look at Deuteronomy 18:1-8. What was the “portion” of the Levites (v1, 2, 3, 4)? Why (v5)? What principle does this show? What could they choose (v6-7) and what were they promised (v8)?</p>	
<p>2. From 18:9-14 what “things” was Israel to refuse (v9)? Identify and define these nine things (v10-11)? How is the seriousness of this seen (v12-14)? Apply.</p>	
<p>3. Using 18:15-22 who was Israel to follow (v15) and why (v16, 17-18, 19)? What was the test of a true prophet (v20, 21-22) and how were they to treat a false prophet (v20, 22)?</p>	