

Study Guide for October 2nd, 2005 . Making Right What Was Wrong. Deut. 21.

Introduction: How and when have you tried to rectify some wrong you had committed?

- I. The Wrong of Presumed Guilt from a Murder. (Deut. 21:1-9)
 - A. Who takes responsibility for the murder of the individual found slain?
 - B. Describe the ritual prescribed? What meaning can you assign for these steps?
 - C. What can we learn from the fact that God is concerned about a **single** death?
- II. The Wrong of Sexual Exploitation. (Deut. 21:10-14)
 - A. Whose interests does this law serve? Whose power does this law restrict?
 - B. How does this law specifically protect women against abuse?
 - C. How has this law been disregarded? How could this law be applied today?
- III. The Wrong of Favoritism. (Deut. 21:15-17)
 - A. Whose interests does this law serve? Whose power does this law restrict?
 - B. What observations can you make about bigamy (taking a second spouse when one is already married) from its record in the Bible (Gen. 16, 29 & I Sam. 1)?
 - C. James 2:1 states, “My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don’t show favoritism.” How can we avoid favoritism in our church and family?
- IV. The Wrong of Rebellion. (Deut. 21:18-21)
 - A. Wright comments, “If the law intentionally balances the preceding one, then it may envisage a firstborn son who is proving totally unworthy of his inheritance.” When would it be appropriate for families to enlist civil leaders to control a child?
 - B. What can we do to uphold the serious nature of the command to honor parents?
- V. The Wrong of Degradation. (Deut. 21:22-23)
 - A. What limitation is put on the exposure of the corpse of an executed man?
 - B. What values underlie this law? How should those values be expressed today?
 - C. Read Deut. 27:26 and Gal. 3:10-14. How does Paul apply these truths to Christ?

