

Reverence for Life
Numbers 35:6-16, 22-34

Review:

1. God says that murder pollutes the land, and His Law prescribes the death penalty for it.
2. But God also insists that everyone accused of murder, regardless of class or creed, receive a fair trial
3. Even accidental death is abhorrent to God, because He created all human beings in His own image
4. Since Christ died for all kinds of people, we must try to make sure that justice is available for everyone

Reflect:

1. God created you in His image and redeemed you at the cost of the blood of Christ. How does that inform the way you feel about yourself, about other believers, and about unbelievers?
2. What steps can you take to make justice more available for others?

Go Further: Read Deuteronomy 4:20-43

1. According to verse 20, why did God bring the Israelites out of Egypt?
2. Why was the Lord angry with Moses (see Numbers 20:12)? What did He say Moses would not be allowed to do?
3. In verses 21 and 22, what did Moses say the people would receive from God?
4. In verse 23, what did Moses warn the people not to forget?
5. What two things does Moses say about the Lord in verse 24?
6. According to verses 26 and 27, what will happen to the people if they are unfaithful to God?
7. According to verse 28, what will God's unfaithful people end up doing?
8. According to verses 29 and 30, what four things will the people do when they are in distress?
9. Why does verse 31 insist that the Lord will save His people? What three things will the Lord not do?
10. In verses 32-24, what does Moses insist that no other god has done for his people?
11. Why does verse 35 insist that the Lord showed His people all these wonders?
12. Why does verse 36 say the Lord allowed His people to hear His voice?
13. Why does verse 37 say the Lord brought His people out of Egypt?
14. According to verse 39, what does Moses want the people to know about the Lord?
15. What three reasons does Moses give in verse 40 that the people should keep God's statutes?
16. Where does verse 41 say that three cities of refuge were set apart?
17. What is the reason verse 42 gives for establishing these cities of refuge?

Summary and Application:

1. God is jealous for you (verse 24). How does His jealousy explain the way He treated His Old Testament people?
2. Does God's jealousy inspire fear or love in you (or maybe both)? How should you respond to His jealousy?