

TAKE POSSESSION OF THE LAND!
A study in Deuteronomy
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MEN, REMEMBER YOUR CALLING: COVENANT STIPULATIONS

PRACTICE SAFE SEX

Deuteronomy 22:13-30

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I. God demands faithfulness in covenant marriage (even before the wedding).

cf. Matthew 5:27-30; I Corinthians 6:9-11; Ephesians 5:4, 5; I Thessalonians 4:3-8

22:13-19

A. Husbands must be true to their wives.

"If any man...accuses her of misconduct and brings a bad name upon her...then the father of the young woman and her mother shall take and bring out the evidence..."

:13-18

1. He shall not shame her.

"Then the elder of that city shall take the man and whip him..."

:19

2. He shall protect and provide for her.

"...and they shall fine him a hundred shekels.... And she shall be his wife. He may not divorce her all his days."

cf. Malachi 2:10-16

:20, 21

B. Wives must be true to their husbands.

"But if the thing is true...the men of her city shall stone her to death..."

1. for the sake of Israel

"...because she has done an outrageous thing in Israel.... So you shall purge the evil from your midst."

2. for the sake of her family

"...by whoring in her father's house."

:22 II. God demands faithfulness in covenant marriage (after the wedding).

"If a man is found lying with the wife of another man, both of them shall die.... So you shall purge the evil from Israel."

cf. Matthew 5:31, 32; 19:3-12

:23-27 III. God demands faithfulness in covenant betrothal.

:23, 24

A. Seduction

"If there is a betrothed virgin, and a man meets with her in the city and lies with her, then you shall...stone them to death....she did not cry for help...he violated his neighbor's wife. So you shall purge the evil from your midst."

:25-27

B. Rape

"But if in the open country a man meets a young woman who is betrothed and the man seizes her and lies with her, then only the man who lay with her will die."

:28,29 IV. God demands faithfulness in covenant obligations.

"If a man meets a virgin who is not betrothed, and seizes her and lies with her, and they are found, then the man who lay with her shall give to the father of the young woman fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife, because he has violated her. He may not divorce her all his days."

cf. Exodus 22:16, 17

:30

V. God demands faithfulness in covenant abstentions.

"A man shall not take his father's wife, so that he does not uncover his father's nakedness."

cf. I Corinthians 5:1