

JOSHUA 2009 - THE FIGHT OF YOUR LIFE

Pt 8 - Where Ya Gonna Run? - Joshua 20
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Deuteronomy 33:27 (NLT) The eternal God is your refuge, and his everlasting arms are under you.

Psalms 91:1-2 (ESV) He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Joshua 20:2-3 (NLT) Now tell the Israelites to designate the cities of refuge, as I instructed Moses. Anyone who kills another person accidentally and unintentionally can run to one of these cities; they will be places of refuge from relatives seeking revenge for the person who was killed.

OBSERVABLE TRUTHS:

1. LIFE IS _____ TO GOD

Genesis 9:6 (ESV) Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

2. THERE ARE _____ IN GOD'S EYES

Joshua 20:9 (NLT) These cities were set apart for all the Israelites as well as the foreigners living among them. Anyone who accidentally killed another person could take refuge in one of these cities. In this way, they could escape being killed in revenge prior to standing trial before the local assembly.

3. MORAL LAW _____

Joshua 20:7-8 (NLT) The following cities were designated as cities of refuge (All Levitical Cities: cities of God) See Overhead.

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CHRIST IS THE REFUGE FOR THE GUILTY

Hebrews 6:18-20 (NLT) So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. (See overhead)

1. IT'S OUR DUTY TO POINT THE WAY

Deuteronomy 19:3 (TM) Divide your land into thirds, this land that God, your God, is giving you to possess, and build roads to the towns so that anyone who accidentally kills another can flee there. **Deuteronomy 19:3 (LB)** (See Overhead)

2. THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN

John 6:37-40 (NIV) All whom the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away...

3. IT'S OPEN TO ABSOLUTELY EVERYONE

John 3:16-17 (NIV) For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

4. THERE IS NO OTHER PLACE TO RUN (REFUGE)

John 3:18 (NIV) Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 6:68-69 (ESV) Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.

WHERE YOU GONNA RUN?