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Filling in the Gaps

Lesson 13B

"City of Refuge: Run to Jesus"

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This lesson is a continuation of Lesson 13A, which is a must read to fully understand the whole subject of the City of Refuge

DEFINITIONS OF THE CITIES OF REFUGE

Kedesh - *holy*. Our refuge is Jesus Christ. He is Holy; harmless; undefiled; separate from sinners. (Hebrews 7:26)

Shechem - *shoulder*. Isaiah tells us of this son that was given; this child that was born that the government shall be upon His shoulder. (Isaiah 9:6)

Hebron - *fellowship*. We are called unto the fellowship of His Son. (1 Corinthians 1:9)

Bezer - *stronghold*. Jesus Christ is surely a strong tower; a place of safety for all that have run to Him. (Proverbs 18:10)

Ramouth - *exaltation*. Jesus Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross where God hath also highly exalted Him and given Him a name that is above every name." (Philippians 2:9)

Golan - *joy*. How we joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1 Corinthians 1:9 *God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*
- Psalms 61:3 *For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.*
- Proverbs 18:10 *The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.*
- Philippians 2:5-11 *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

THERE IS SALVATION IN THESE CITIES OF REFUGE/JESUS CHRIST

Many untruths about salvation have spread through our Christians churches one of these is: Old Testament saints were saved by keeping the Law and

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New Testament saints are saved by faith in Jesus Christ. When Old Testament saints dies they went to a place in Hell called paradise. (Luke 23:43) Before Jesus Christ died on the cross Hell was divided into two parts with a great gulf separating the two, one side was torments, the other paradise. (Luke 16:23; Luke 16:26) When Jesus Christ died on the cross He descended into the lower parts of the earth (Ephesians 4:9) While Jesus Christ was in paradise he preached to those Old Testament saints about Himself. (1 Peter 3:19) Scripture does not tell us what happen next, but I believe we can say they all believed Him.

Do you know all sinners need to be saved the same way? Acts 20:21 *Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.* All sinners who are saved experience different aspects of Jesus Christ and different truths about Jesus Christ at different times in their life. Some of you, the first thing that happened when you got saved was joy flooded your heart. Some were still confused and scared. But some of you knew, you understood, you saw the way clearly what a joy it was to be happy and excited the moment you were saved. For others it was a stronghold. Maybe it was some addiction. Maybe it was some horrible relationship. Maybe it was an addiction or crime tracking you down taking you to hell. Those of us were thrilled coming to Jesus Christ given the strength to flush those drugs down the toilet and pour that liquor down the sink and break off that hurtful relationship and find a brand new life **STRONG ENOUGH** to live a life you never could live before.

We are growing up in a world today where boys and girls do not know that it is wrong to have a dirty life, dirty vocabulary, dirty friends to steal, lie, fornicate, take drugs, drink alcohol, or even kill - who ever told them not too? They have removed prayer and the Ten Commandments from our schools, and replaced them for survival of the fittest (Darwinism) Our world makes fun of the Bible, morality, purity. Our lives are bombarded with death, on the TV, video games, and movies. Advertisement is a powerful tool the Devil has devised this means to destroy man/woman quicker because he knows his time is short. (Revelation 12:12)

Glory to God most of us have fled to the City of refuge. When the children of Israel came to the land of Canaan, among a million and one half people there may not even been one manslayer, yet they established the cities as soon as they arrived knowing that one day there would be a great need for large multiple cities of refuge.

Two thousand years before we knew we were sinners, God established the gospel. God established the gospel before we came to church and heard about Hell. God established the gospel the first time we laid awake at night,

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guilty convicted of sin. He established an easy way for us to get to Him knowing the day would come when we realized are need to relocate.

God made a City of Refuge large enough and simple enough to all who call upon Him. (2 Peter 3:9)

THE MANSLAYER WAS ONLY SAFE IN THE CITY OF REFUGE

Our passage said in verse 28, the manslayer was safe only in the city of refuge. Inside - he's safe. Outside - he's doomed.

Oddly lost people run to the devil to get away from God. Lost people run to sin to get away from salvation. How deceived we are. How blinded we are. It is like running to the house of the avengers of blood. Why try to get away? You cannot get away. Why try to hide? You cannot hide. (Proverbs 15:3) Why not come to Jesus Christ He wants to forgive you, save you, give you life eternal.

HOW LONG CAN THE MANSLAYER LIVE SAFELY IN THE CITY OF REFUGE

Do you know how long that man got to live safely in the city of refuge? Until he died or until the high priest died. The Bible identifies Jesus Christ as The great high priest. (Hebrews 4:14) He is not going to die. You know what He gives to everyone who flees to Him. Eternal life.

Unlike the cities of refuge for the children of Israel the manslayer may say to himself, the High Priest is dead, I can go home, the law allows him to leave and says to the Avenger of Blood you cannot touch him anymore. You think maybe just maybe a time or two some people said, "I do not care. He killed my wife. I am going to get revenge. He was driving drunk and took out all four of my children." he does not deserve to live. Thank the Lord - we never have to consider what might happen in the future because our great high-priest will never die and He has given us eternal life and we shall never die our life is so wonderful in this city of refuge. Why would we want to go back to where we used to live anyway? There was nothing there! Not compared to this.

REFUGE IS FOUND IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Hebrews chapter 6:17-20 *Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability (cannot change) of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: 18 That by two immutable things (they will not ever be changed), in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: 19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; 20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered,*

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(What is the refuge?), *even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec*. Jesus Christ is the refuge. You know what He said? Do not walk there. Do not stroll there. **Flee... flee...!** If somebody wants to save you from death get to Him as fast as you can! If somebody wants to deliver you from the judgment you deserve, run to Him with ALL HASTE!

John the Baptist standing in the Jordan River said *who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?*" God has in His word. Where do I run? You run to Jesus. He is our city of refuge. He is the refuge.

Luke 3:7 *Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?*

Matthew 11:28 *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

Have you fled to the refuge God has provided? If not, why not? Death is tracking you down. It is going to find you. You are going to have to pay for what you have done or you can come to Jesus and live. You know when that man got to the gates of the city of refuge all he had to do to get in was say, I have taken a life... I need protection. Do you see what it cost to get in there? Nothing. Do you see what you had to agree to... to get in there? Nothing. You came because you knew you needed to be there. Do you know what Jesus will charge you to save your soul? Nothing. Do you know what you will have to agree to do afterward? Nothing. You just need to know you are a man/woman without Jesus. I am going to run to Him as fast as I can.

Notes

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Name _____

1. What verse tells us that it is impossible for God to lie?
2. What has advertisement done to people of this generation?
3. Why act more wickedly during the night, than in the daytime?
4. Who is our Great High Priest?
5. When the High Priest at the city of refuge died the manslayer was allowed to leave, why would he choose not to?
6. What did the manslayer have to do to be allowed entrance into the city of refuge?
7. What kind of works of pertinence was required of the manslayer for him to be able to stay all long as he wanted in the city of refuge?
8. What is Satan's agenda, how is he fulfilling that in the 21st Century?
9. In the story of the rich man and Lazarus, where were both of them?
 - a. What part was the rich man in?
 - b. What part was Lazarus in?
 - c. What was separating the two parts?

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10. When Jesus Christ rose from the dead, who did He bring with Him?
(hint: (Matthew 27:52))
11. The Bible says Hell has enlarged itself (Isaiah 5:14), when do you think this event happened?
12. What are the meaning of the names of the cities of refuge?
- Kedesh
 - Shechem
 - Hebron
 - Bezer
 - Ramouth
 - Golan

True/false

- The cities of refuge were all located in high places.
- There no hurry to get to any of the cities.
- You will never see a no vacancy sign on the door of Jesus Christ.
- Lost people like to sin in dark places, because they think that God will not see them.

**Scripture memorization**

Hebrews 6:17-18; 2 Peter 3:9; Matthew 11:28

Write out these verses on the back on this page: (must be in KJV)

any questions?