

# Deuteronomy 21:10-22:30 – 22 April 2021

## “Our Intended 3D Purpose”

### Introduction

- \*Exo, Lev, Num is what happened
- \*Deut is Moses heart about what happened
- \*Paul tells us in Rom 15:4 & I Cor 10:1-11 that these things are written for OUR learning
- \*Some of the greatest overarching principles of the Bible are found in Deuteronomy
- \*God has made everything 3D, including you (space, time matter...all 3D – you are body, mind & spirit)
- \*There is an intended purpose for your b, m & s)
- \*God shows us today the things that so easily cause us to misuse our body, mind and spirit or blur the lines
- \*Thru each of these individual laws, we’ll see a thread
- \*Today we’ll see the 3 ways to properly use our 3-dimensional self in this life**

# #1 – Use our mind to make decisions by God’s truth & not by emotions (Chap 21:10-23)

Read Chap 21:10-14

1. Taking a wife from battle was common practice so God sets rules to protect these ladies
2. Can take a wife from a conquered nation, but let her mourn for a month first.
  - a. She needs a mourning period before being mentally capable to making this decision
  - b. Guess what, HE ALSO needs an emotional break from the battle to be mentally capable of making this decision
3. At the end of the month, He can let her go but can’t sell her b/c she’s been humbled for month
4. The decision to marry needs to be made from the mind and not the heart of emotions.
  - a. Read Jer 17:9 – “heart is deceitful above...”
  - b. Read Rom 12:2 – “Be not conformed...”

## Read Chap 21:15-17

1. Right of 1<sup>st</sup>born, even if born to a hated wife
2. Don't allow emotions to cloud sound judgement
  - a. Value God plan even more than your wife
  - b. Read Luke 14:26 – Our love for family should look like hate compared to our love of God
3. Are you prepared to disagree w/ even your spouse if that's the only way to obey God?

## Read Chap 21:18-21

1. Parents should deal w/ their rebellious kids
2. Bring kids (clearly old enough to be a drunkard) to elders & have them killed for wickedness
3. Do you love your kids more than God & His ways?
4. Don't allow emotions to cloud sound judgement

## Read Chap 21:22-23

1. Jesus prayed in the garden as He faced the specter of being cursed for hanging on a tree to die
2. The ultimate mind over emotions decision

## #2 – Use our spirit to care for the created purpose of all things (Chap 22:1-12)

Read Chap 22:1-4

1. Lost & Found – help care for it until it can be given back to its rightful owner
2. All things were created for a purpose and it's wrong to violate that purpose
  - a. You can violate its purpose by stealing
  - b. But you can also violate its purpose by not restoring something to its purpose.
3. So we have the sin of doing nothing to help
4. It's only a spiritual person that will see the problem and choose to get involved to help.
  - a. Good Samaritan story began with a question about how to be spiritual – Read Luke 10:25
  - b. Then the whole story is of the sin of omission
  - c. The spiritual person seeks to restore things to its natural order.

## Read Chap 22:5

1. The spiritual person respects the God created genders b/c He created that way for a reason
  - a. Male & female are to picture God & His church
2. Each gender should look like that gender
  - a. Many problems come in when we take the principles from God & turn them into rigid rules

## Read Chap 22:6-7

1. Can't kill mother and young at same time
2. Same as 'can't seethe kid in his mother's milk'
3. Jewish commentators call this the smallest of God's command, yet it carries a blessing w/ it.
  - a. That of prolonging your days
  - b. Read Matt 10:29 – Birds describe the least
4. Need to show a kindness & respect for God's created order in the animal kingdom

## Read Chap 22:8

1. Must make a roof railing/wall for safety

## Read Chap 22:9-11

1. Don't mix seeds, animals or cloth
2. God has made each thing in creation unique
3. Only a spiritual person will delight in the qualities & uniqueness of God's created design without wanting to mix or merge into a blur.

## Read Chap 22:12

1. Fringes on garments
2. They were to make them different than the other nations.
  - a. It was to set them apart
  - b. A marker to not mix with heathens
3. Num 15:39 – Tells us it's to prevent them from going a-whoring after other gods.
4. So they're not to mix w/ unbelievers

### **#3 – Use our body to role-model union with God (Chap 22:13-30)**

Intro – The Lord now will discuss the importance of being purely devoted to 1 spouse for life

Read Chap 22:13-14

1. So the accusation of not being a virgin girl
2. The standard was that all should be able to expect their new spouse has only been w/ them
  - a. This is God's best – strive for it even against culture! – Will save you much heartache!
  - b. If you've messed this up – don't give up, but strive for the next best.

Read Chap 22:15-19

1. Daughter would have given this cloth to her parents just after her wedding night.
  - a. So the parents are here witnessing to when the daughter provided this cloth to them
2. False accusation? – pay money & bear shame

## Read Chap 22:20-21

1. True accusation of the non-virgin – stoning
2. So the importance of not being joined until it's once for life
  - a. Picture of the church becoming the bride of Christ–He doesn't deserve 2<sup>nd</sup> hand dedication
  - b. Will you reserve yourself for Him?

## Read Chap 22:22

1. Both adulterers should die
2. The corruption in John 8 to only bring women
  - a. Was the man their buddy?
  - b. They were happy to comply w/ the Law when it helped them

## Read Chap 22:23-24

1. Sexual seducers and victims that don't cry out in a city should be killed
2. There's an expectation that if you cry out in a city, someone will hear you and come to help.



Read Chap 22:25-27

1. Sexual seducers in a field should be killed

Read Chap 22:28-29

1. In the case of pre-marital sex, if a man lay w/ a woman, he's to marry her
  - a. B/c union has already happened
  - b. Read I Cor 6:18-19 – body is temple of HS

Read Chap 23:30

1. Don't sleep w/ your step-mom...or mom
2. Nor get in your father's bed

Conclude

1. All of this to identify the important picture that God wants us to establish w/ man & wife
2. Man – Is to represent God who chooses His bride and is irrevocably committed for life to her
3. Wife – Is to represent the church waiting in purity, dedicated to Him awaiting His arrival.

## Conclusion

So, we were created as 3-dimensional beings to use our whole body, mind & spirit for His glory

- 1. Use our mind to make decisions by God's truth & not by emotions**
  - a. God values truth & needs us clear-headed
  - b. When decisions start involving the gods of our heart, the more emotions try to invade
- 2. Use our spirit to care for the created purpose of all things**
  - a. A spiritual person sees the design & uniqueness God has created into each thing
  - b. Only a spiritual person will see a created thing & want to restore it to its intended purpose
- 3. Use our body to role-model union with God**
  - a. Your body united to your spouse should represent the union of Christ & church
  - b. Let that guide every decision for your body

Concluding Verse – Read I Thes 5:23