POSSESSING THE LAND OF PROMISE

Joshua 20:1-9
New Life Fellowship – Pastor Joe Green
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1. It's Our _____ ... To ____ The Way To Spiritual Refuge.

Joshua 20:1-2 (NIV2011) "The LORD said to Joshua: ² " <u>Tell the Israelites to designate the cities of refuge</u> , as I instructed you through Moses'"
Genesis 9:6 (NIV2011) "Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind."
Exodus 21:12-14 (NIV2011) "Anyone who strikes a person with a fatal blow is to be put to death. ¹³ However, if it is not done intentionally they are to flee to a place I will designate. ¹⁴ But if anyone schemes and kills someone deliberately, that person is to be taken from My altar and put to death."
Joshua 20:2-3 (NIV2011) " <u>Tell the Israelites to designate the cities of refuge</u> ³ so that anyone who kills a person accidentally and unintentionally may flee there and find protection from <u>the avenger of blood</u> ."
Joshua 20:4-5 (NIV2011) "When [the fugitive] flees to one of these cities, they are to stand in the entrance of the city gate and state their case before the elders of that city. Then the elders are to admit the fugitive into their city and provide a place to live among them. ⁵ If the avenger of blood comes in pursuit, the elders must not surrender the fugitive, because the fugitive killed their neighbor unintentionally and without malice aforethought."
Joshua 20:6 (NIV2011) "[The fugitive] is to stay in that city until they have stood trial before the assembly and until the death of the high priest who is serving at that time. Then they may go back to their own home in the town from which they fled."
Hebrews 6:18 (NKJV) "[WE] have <u>fled for refuge</u> to lay hold of the hope set before us."
2. It's Our The Way To Spiritual Refuge.
Joshua 20:7-9 (NIV2011) "So they set apart <u>Kedesh</u> in Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali, <u>Shechem</u> in the hill country of Ephraim, and <u>Kiriath Arba</u> (that is, Hebron) in the hill country of Judah. ⁸ East of the Jordan (on the other side from Jericho) they designated <u>Bezer</u> in the wilderness on the plateau in the tribe of Reuben, <u>Ramoth</u> in Gilead in the tribe of Gad, and <u>Golan</u> in Bashan in the tribe of Manasseh. ⁹ <u>Any of the Israelites</u> or <u>any foreigner</u> residing among them <u>who killed someone accidentally</u> could <u>flee to these designated cities</u> and <u>not be killed</u> by the avenger of blood prior to standing trial before the assembly."

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