

Deuteronomy Lesson #18, Chapter 18-19

What a blessing to know God helps His children understand His Word!

1. In Deuteronomy 10:8-9 we learned about the role the Levitical priests were to fulfill in the land. Now we see the responsibility the nation has in providing for them. What do 18:1-2 and verse 5 remind us about why the priests were to be cared for?
2. How were the people to care for the priests in 18:3-4?
3. If a priest who has to travel to come serve the Lord arrives in their town, how is he to be treated? See 18:6-8.
4. Clearly, God considers the care and maintenance of those who minister before Him to be the responsibility of those they serve. Has that principle changed any in the New Testament for those who minister the Word of God to the church? See 1 Corinthians 9:1-14; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; 1 Timothy 5:17-18.
5. How are the principles we see from Deuteronomy and from the texts above applied in your life? In what ways do you support and encourage those who labor among you?

6. What command is given to the nation in 18:9? What are some examples of the detestable things the nations engage in from 18:10-11?

7. What is God's response to those who follow the ways of the nations (18:12)? Instead what are they urged to do (18:13)?

8. What application do the commands of 18:9 and verse 13 have for you? What are some ways you must guard yourself from learning to imitate the sins of the world?

9. The nations listen to whom in 18:14? Who is Israel to listen to in 18:15?

10. What do you learn about the prophet God will raise up who is like Moses from 18:15 and verses 18-19? What do you learn from verse 16 that provides part of the reason for God's provision?

11. How will the Israelites know if the prophet is speaking falsely or not? See 18:20-22. Also review Deuteronomy 13:1-5. How are the people to respond to someone who speaks falsely?

12. We may not stone a false teacher but how are we to respond to those who pervert God's Word and try to lead people astray? See 1 Timothy 5:20-21; Titus 1:10-14; 1 John 4:1-3; Revelation 2:2.

13. Anytime we minister to someone or speak God's truth we become the conduit for the Word to flow through. Are you careful to speak only what the Word of God says—no less and no more? What do these verses teach you about being careful and accurate with God's Word?

14. In 19:1-3 what are the people to do and for what reason?

15. What are some examples of manslaughter according to 19:4-6?

16. What purpose is given for the cities of refuge according to 19:10?

17. Why was it necessary to provide a city of refuge to which someone could flee? See 19:21; Exodus 21:23-25; and Leviticus 24:17-22.

18. What circumstances would prove that someone is a *murderer* and not a *manslayer*? How should the officers and judges respond to that person (19:11-13)?

19. What other examples of injustice are given that the judges and officers will need to oversee (19:14-18)?

20. What principle of justice is to be applied (19:19-21)? Look up 16:18-20 to review again the attitudes that were to pervade the government of the Promised Land.

21. What reason is stated in 19:20 for the severity of verse 21?

22. What do you learn about God's character from this chapter?