

The Jesus Trip, "Where Do You Run To?"

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Numbers 16:46-48 *"Then Aaron took it as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and already the plague had begun among the people. So he put in the incense and made atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living; so the plague was stopped."*

Numbers 21:7-9 *"Then the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived."*

John 3:14-15 *"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."*

Numbers 23:8 *"How can I curse those whom God has not cursed? How can I denounce those whom the Lord has not denounced?"*

Numbers 24:9 *"Like a lion they crouch and lie down, like a lioness—who dares to rouse them? 'May those who bless you be blessed and those who curse you be cursed!'"*

The counsel of Balaam.

Numbers 31:16 *"Look, these women caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to trespass against the Lord in the incident of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the Lord."*

"Because sin is its own punishment, God neither has to keep track of our sin, nor specifically punish us for it. The price of sin is automatically included in the cost." **Greg Hildenbrand**

+++++ Four Pictures Places You Run To +++++

Exodus 21:13, 23-25 *"...then I will appoint for you a place where he may flee. ... But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe."*

Matthew 5:38-39 *"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also."*

Psalm 46:1 *"God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble."*

Psalm 91:9-10 *"Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;"*

Numbers 35:9-12, 15, 28, 33-34 *"Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan, then you shall appoint cities to be cities of refuge for you, that the manslayer who kills any person accidentally may flee there. ...*

"They shall be cities of refuge for you from the avenger, that the manslayer may not die until he stands before the congregation in judge ... These six cities shall be for refuge for the children of Israel, for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them, that anyone who kills a person accidentally may flee there."

“...But after the death of the high priest the manslayer may return to the land of his possession ... no atonement can be made for the land, for the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of him who shed it. Therefore do not defile the land which you inhabit, in the midst of which I dwell; for I the Lord dwell among the children of Israel.’ ”

The Cities Of Refuge Were:

1. Planned For
2. Clearly Placed
3. Accessible To All
4. A Place Of Protection
5. A Place Of Provision
6. A Place Of Secured Hope
7. Revelation Of Sanctity Of Life

1 Peter 1:20 (NLT) *“God chose Him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days he has been revealed for your sake.”*

John 6:37 *“All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.”*

John 10:28 *“And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”*

John 1:12 *“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God,..”*

Hebrews 9:11-12 *“But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, ... Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.”*

Joshua 20:7-9 *“So they appointed Kedesh in Galilee... Shechem in the mountains of Ephraim ... and Kirjath Arba (which is Hebron) in the mountains of Judah ...they assigned Bezer, ...Ramoth in Gilead, ... and Golan in Bashan...”*

Jesus is our refuge!

In Him we have a **SANCTUARY**, a **SHOULDER** that is offered in **FELLOWSHIP**, a **FORTRESS** where we are **HIGHLY EXALTED** with **REJOICING**.

2 Samuel 3:27 *“Now when Abner had returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him privately, and there stabbed him in the stomach, so that he died for the blood of Asahel his brother.”*

2 Samuel 3:33-34 *“And the king sang a lament over Abner and said: ‘Should Abner die as a fool dies? Your hands were not bound Nor your feet put into fetters; As a man falls before wicked men, so you fell.’”*

What Kept You From Taking Refuge???