

Christ in the Penalties of Mosaic Law

Leviticus 20

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Human Desire for Fairness



Give me your cash!

Let's have some terrorism!



Outline of Leviticus

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A. The Principle of Right



God's Pledge in Christ

- "As surely as I live forever, ... I will take vengeance on my adversaries and repay those who hate me" (Deut. 32:40-43).
- "He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity" (Ps. 98:9).
- "With justice he judges and makes war" (Rev. 19:11).





Answering Our Sense of Right

It's not fair!

God will bring what's fair.







Punishment Matching Crime

- "Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, ..." (Exod. 21:24; Lev. 24:18-20; Deut. 19:21).
- "As you have done, it will be done to you ..." (Obad. 15; Matt. 7:2; Rev. 18:6).

Caught in one's own trap (Ps. 7:15-16; 35:7-8; Dan. 6:24; Esth. 7:9-10).

He deserves it!







Making It Right

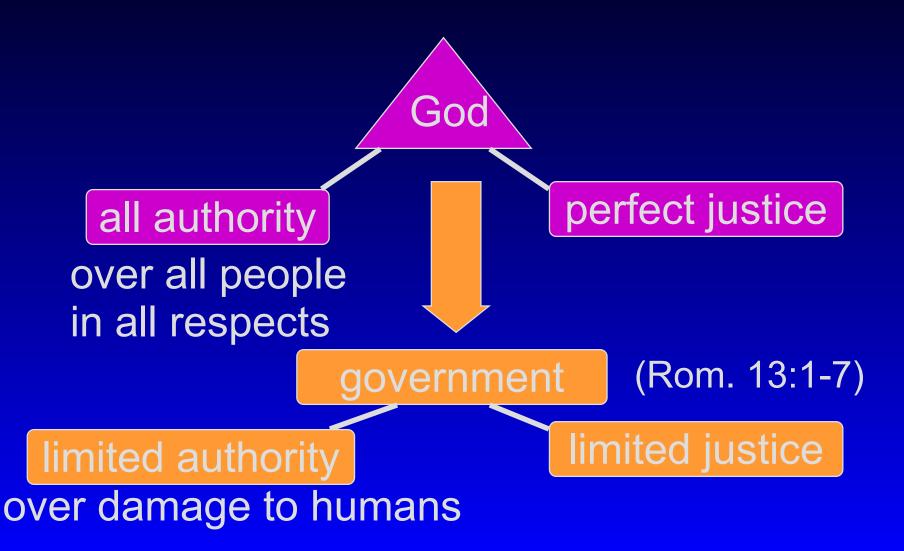
Daddy, make it right. Sometimes I can make it right.



The ball belongs to you.



Authority of Human Governments





Human Limitations

Make it so that people never steal.

Only God can do that.







B. Working out What Is Fitting



Fit Punishment

I want it, and I will do it!



No!

What do I do to punish him?





Exod. 22:4



God takes it from him (punishment)

Tit for tat.





Wisdom in Punishment

Rod of authority hits violators of authority.

Ooww!

Your hand touched it. Your hand gets smacked!

Sin has consequences!







Gen. 9:5-6

He takes life



God takes life from him

Tit for tat again.





Sin and its Punishment

Gen. 3:5

Sin:



you

you would destroy honor and life

Consequences:

God destroys your honor and life



Justice in the Cross

2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 4:25; 1 Pet. 2:24

YOU

sin, guilt, punishment , Christ takes your sin; you take his righteousness

holiness, innocence, reward

CHRIST



C. Holy War



Holy War with Joshua

Josh. 6:17; <u>Deut. 13:16-17</u>

idolatrous town

desecrates

desecrates

town receives total desecration in destruction

holy people

God's protection

Not cruel, but just.





Desecrating Acts in Lev. 20

idols, spiritism, curse parents, sexual violation

desecrates

God desecrates the offender

usually by death



Holy War in Christ

sin = idolatry

desecrates

world

God desecrates in hell

sin receives total desecration in destruction

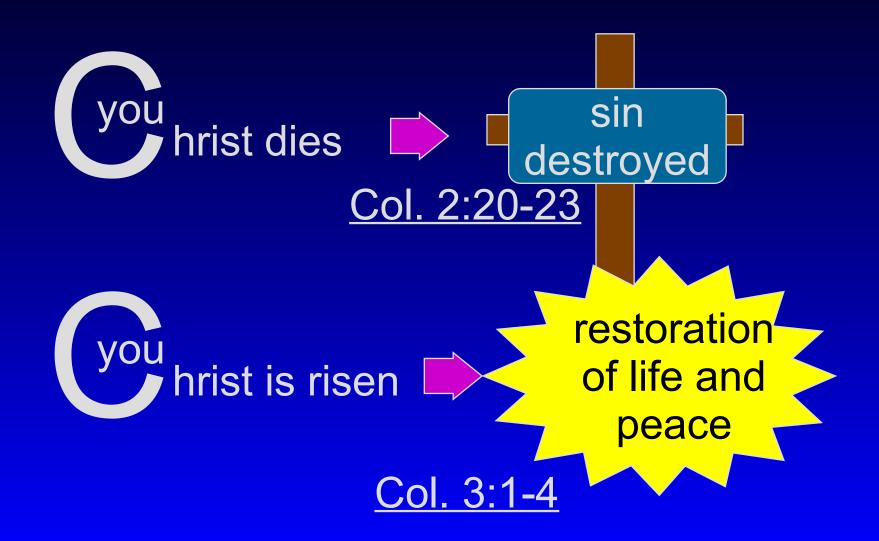
God's protection

world

reconsecration



Your Refuge in Christ





Fit Punishment for Sin

How do I avoid God's punishment?

Only Christ has taken it away!







Holy War in the Church

sin = idolatry

desecrates)

church

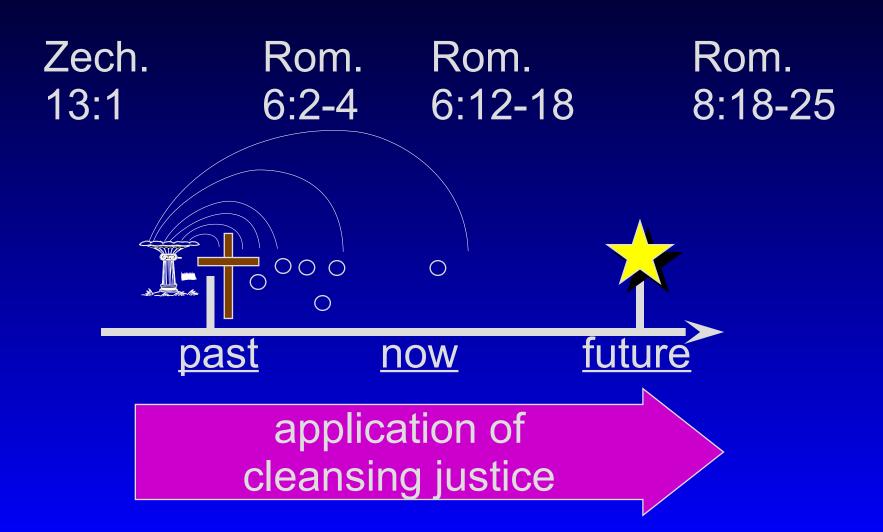
God's protection

excommunication

sin receives desecration



Working It Out





Universal Justice

