

Sermon - Deuteronomy 19

1. Few things come under more property boundaries land usage, easements, mineral rights and the like
 - a. For our purposes today we need to understand that property markers serve as a witness to the truth as to where property boundaries lie
 - i. To move one is the equivalent of bearing false witness.

Two or three Witnesses

1. It was established here Deuteronomy that a testimony is established by two or three witnesses.
 - a. This is the basis for a fair trial.
 - i. And if there is only one witness-namely the accuser- then it is to be diligently weighed by the priests sitting as judges.
2. When Jesus came to earth one accusation that was leveled at him was that he was his own witness
3. Jesus mentioned 4 witnesses which validated Jesus' claim to be the messiah sent from God.
 - a. 1- **the scriptures bear witness** John 5:39 39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,
 - b. 2- We know that **Jesus bore witness to himself** John 8:14
 - c. 3- **God the father bears witness to the who Jesus is**
 - i. John 8:18 the Father who sent me bears witness about me.
 - ii. At Jesus baptism the voice of God was heard declaring "this is my son whom I love"
 - iii. At the transfiguration The voice of God declares from within the cloud "this is my son, whom I love. Listen to him
 - d. 4- **the holy spirit of God testifies to who Jesus is** "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me" (John 15:26).
 - e. 5- **Jesus pointed to his works as a witness** which validates his deity 25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me,
 - f. 6- **John the baptist testified** that Jesus was "the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" John 1:29

- g. 7- the **disciples are witnesses** “You also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning” (John 15:27).
 - i. Peter declared: where else will we go? You alone have the words of eternal life John 6:68
 - ii. Throughout the book of acts it is the disciple who tell of who Jesus is and they point to the fact that they saw it with their own eyes
 - 1. 1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life
- h. 8- **Those to whom Jesus ministered** testified to who he was
 - i. The woman at the well “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” (John 4:29).
 - ii. the man born blind- whom Jesus miraculously gave sight- when challenged by the religious leaders he said: “One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see” (John 9:25).

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The overarching theme the next 7 chapters is Justice in Israel

Cities of refuge-

- 1. This topic was addresses in Chapter 4 where the specific cities are called out
 - a. For our purposes today we will simply reference the fact that the manslayer -one who killed accidently- could flee to these cities in order to ensure a fair trial
 - i. We see in verse 12 of chapter 19 that the elders of the city are involved in the case and so legitimacy of trial is to be maintained
 - 1. There are not to be lynch mobs or witch hunts where mob rule is
 - a. This has tremendous implications for a society which is constantly subject to the opinions of politicians, journalists, celebrities, and so called social influences.

Property markers-