



“Dignity”

How we treat others
Deuteronomy 21:1-17

Dignity for the:

I. Felled – “a slain person is found lying” (vs. 1-9)

We are to:

A. **Re**_____ – “your elders and your judges shall go out”

B. **Re**_____ – “which has not been plowed or sown”

C. **Re**_____ – “the bloodguiltiness shall be forgiven them”

II. Failed - “if you are not pleased with her” (vs. 10-14)

We are not to:

A. **Ma**_____ – “you shall let her go wherever she wishes”

B. **Mi**_____ – “you shall not mistreat her”

C. **Mo**_____ – “you shall certainly not sell her for money”

III. Favored – “by giving him a double portion of all” (vs. 15-17)

We are to celebrate their:

A. **Por**_____ – “the day he wills what he has to his sons”

B. **Po**_____ - “he shall acknowledge the first born”

C. **P**_____ – “to him belongs the right of the first born”

Sentence Sermon

Human beings deserve a dignity that is not based on any human quality, legal mandate, or individual merit or accomplishment.

Additional Verses

- **Genesis 1:26-27**
- **Matthew 7:12; 10:24**
- **John 15:17**
- **Psalms 127:3**
- **Luke 6:36**
- **Colossians 4:1-18**
- **Galatians 3:28**
- **John 13:16**
- **1 John 3:17**
- **Habakkuk 1:7**

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. What can you learn about mankind from verse?
4. What do you think about v. 2 and the idea of jurisdiction?
5. Why was it important that the heifer be unworked?
6. What is the idea behind choosing an unplowed valley for the sacrifice?
7. Why did the elders say “neither have our eyes seen it?”
8. Why does the city need to be forgiven for the murder?
9. What does it mean in verse 14 that the man has humbled her?
10. How would you argue that God does not support polygamy?
11. Why was it important for the first born son to be honored & blessed?
12. How would you describe someone who treats others with dignity?
13. In what ways can you improve how you treat others?