

**MARCH 26, 2017 SERMON NOTES**  
**Cities of Refuge**  
*Joshua 20*

**I. Cities of Refuge: a place of mercy.**

A. The Law of \_\_\_\_\_.

Leviticus 24: <sup>19</sup> *If a man injures his neighbor, just as he has done, so it shall be done to him: <sup>20</sup>fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; just as he has injured a man, so it shall be inflicted on him. <sup>21</sup> Thus the one who kills an animal shall make it good, but the one who kills a man shall be put to death.*

“Eye for eye, tooth for tooth” means the punishment must \_\_\_\_\_.

B. God established \_\_\_\_\_ cities of refuge.

Joshua 20: <sup>1</sup> *Then the Lord spoke to Joshua, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘Designate the cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you through Moses, <sup>3</sup> that the manslayer who kills any person unintentionally, without premeditation, may flee there, and they shall become your refuge from the avenger of blood. <sup>4</sup> He shall flee to one of these cities, and shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city and state his case in the hearing of the elders of that city; and they shall take him into the city to them and give him a place, so that he may dwell among them. <sup>5</sup> Now if the avenger of blood pursues him, then they shall not deliver the manslayer into his hand, because he struck his neighbor without premeditation and did not hate him beforehand. <sup>6</sup> He shall dwell in that city until he stands before the congregation for judgment, until the death of the one who is high priest in those days. Then the manslayer shall return to his own city and to his own house, to the city from which he fled.’”*

A city of refuge was for those who committed \_\_\_\_\_ deaths.

C. What have we learned?

1. These cities demonstrated a balance between God’s absolute \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Do not repay evil \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Operating outside \_\_\_\_\_ brings disaster.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is our city of refuge.