



Sermon Notes – July 22, 2018
The Cities of Refuge (Joshua 20)

- I. The Value of Humanity
 - A. We are made in God's image. (*Genesis 1:26a, 27*)
 - 1. God is Spirit. (*John 4*)
 - 2. God is Light. (*I John 1*)
 - 3. God is Love. (*I John 4*)
 - B. We are made special apart from all other creation.
 - 1. We have a special position. (*Psalm 8*)
 - 2. We have a special purpose. (*Genesis 1:26b*)

- II. The Character of God.
 - A. His character demands justice. (*Genesis 9:6; Exodus 21:12*)
 - 1. For the innocent. (*Proverbs 6:16-17*)
 - 2. For the guilty.
 - B. His character offers mercy.
 - 1. Through the Law. (*Numbers 35:15-30*) (*Deuteronomy 19:1-13*)
 - a. Degrees of crimes.
 - 2. Through His Grace.
 - a. Degrees of sin.

- III. The Person of Christ.
 - A. Jesus is our Great High Priest. (*Hebrews 5*)
 - 1. Appointed by God.
 - 2. Suffered as a Son.
 - 3. Source of eternal life.
 - B. Jesus is our Forerunner into the priesthood. (*Hebrews 6*)
 - 1. He is our refuge. (*Psalm 91*)
 - 2. He is our hope.
 - 3. He is our anchor.
 - C. Jesus is our Priest Forever! (*Hebrews 7*)
 - 1. He conquered death.
 - 2. He continues forever.
 - 3. He saves us forever.
 - 4. He is perfect forever.



The cities of refuge reflect these characteristics of Christ: (Francis Schaeffer)

1. Easy to reach.
2. Open to all.
3. Doors never locked.
4. Stocked with food, meeting physical needs.
5. No help outside of the cities. (*Hebrews 10:28-29*)

*But the one who comes to Jesus has this promise:

“All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I WILL CERTAINLY NOT CAST OUT” (*John 6:37*)