

“The LORD Also Spake unto Joshua, Saying, ‘Speak to the Children of Israel, saying, “Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I Spake unto you by the hand of Moses: That the slayer that killeth any person unawares and unwittingly may flee thither: and they Shall Be Your Refuge From The Avenger of blood.” Joshua 20:1-3 KJV



Man is born “*unwittingly*” guilty of the Blood of “*the Lamb of God.*” As soon as a child’s cognizant skill can determine Truth from lie, a they is under condemnation of God’s Wrath. Note: “*Train up a child in the way he should go...*” To do so, you must know “*The Way*” yourself. But I digress. Jesus Said, “*He that believeth NOT is condemned already; the Wrath of God Abideth on him.*” Adam’s offspring inherits by birth the condemnation incurred when Adam disobeyed God. His punishment? “*The day thou eatest of it thou shalt surely die!*” Satan infuses lost minds with fleshly twists of human reason; knowing full well “*the natural (physical) man receiveth not the Things of the Spirit of God: neither can he know Them, because they Are Spiritually Discerned.*” Without the Holy Spirit; there is no Spiritual Discernment. God’s Word Is only audible to doomed men through “*the foolishness of preaching*” the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Condemned men hear other men, but cannot “*hear*” the “*Spirit of Truth*” until God’s Word is received and believed. Many receive God’s Word via preaching, witness of believers, or just reading; but then reject Its Truth! Those who believe and call on Christ for Salvation from sin and death are the “*hearers of the Word. Faith Cometh by hearing...the Word of God...and That not of yourselves; It Is The Gift of God.*” If God’s Word is believed, repentance ensues. “*God hath commanded men everywhere to repent.*” Repentance is the obedience of God’s Word. “*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou Shalt Be Saved; for whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord Shall Be Saved.*” Just as in Eden, disobedience results in eternal separation from God; death. Mankind is born “*dead in trespasses and sin;*” separated from God, stubbornly riding the sinking deck of sin’s Titanic. Satan whispers to doomed men, “*You’re not sinking! There’s still have plenty of time!*” So men refuse the Lifeline from the Old Gospel Ship pulled alongside. As sin slips ever downward, they helplessly slide into the “*Avenger’s*” Eternity. “*Vengeance Is Mine, Saith the LORD, I Will Repay!*” Faith in Christ alone; taking hold of a Merciful God’s Freely Proffered Grace; Provides “*Refuge from the avenger.*” I’ve been told monkeys can be trapped by placing food in a glass bottle with an opening too narrow for the monkey’s hand to pass back through after grasping the bait. Since it will not let go of the food it remains trapped. Men long for escape, but will perish like greedy monkeys, trapped by their own lusts!

Refuge from the curse of death,
Infuses men with God’s own breath,
Who transforms doomed eternities,
To blessed lives of sanctity! –CGP

To help others, you must first be rescued. Eternal Life Is Available to those who let go of self-reliance and trust God! Who relinquish present desire to obtain Eternal Life! You’ll never be free until all you cling to is Faith!

“Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.” Hebrews 6:17-20 KJV