

God Institutes Capital Punishment Leviticus 24:10-23

I. Execution decreed for slandering God (Lev. 24:10-16).

II. Execution for murder and comparable punishment for lesser injuries (Lev. 24:17-23)

III. How do we evaluate our modern practice of capital punishment?

A. Do we have enough confidence that innocent people are not being executed?

⁶ "On the evidence of two witnesses or three witnesses, he who is to die shall be put to death; he shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness. Deuteronomy 17:6

¹⁶ "If a malicious witness rises up against a man to accuse him of wrongdoing, ¹⁷ then both the men who have the dispute shall stand before the Lord, before the priests and the judges who will be *in office* in those days. ¹⁸ "The judges shall investigate thoroughly, and if the witness is a false witness *and* he has accused his brother falsely, ¹⁹ then you shall do to him just as he had intended to do to his brother. Thus you shall purge the evil from among you. ²⁰ "The rest will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such an evil thing among you. Deuteronomy 19:16-20 (NASB)

B. Is the punishment applied justly among all people?

