

**Text: Deuteronomy 17:8-13**

**DIFFICULT CASES**

1. Too hard to judge easily

- a) Between degrees of guilt for bloodshed
- b) Between one judgment and another
- c) Between one punishment or another
- d) Matters of controversy (Deuteronomy 17:8)

2. A higher judge

- a) In the place God would choose (Jerusalem) (Deuteronomy 17:8)
- b) The make-up of the Judiciary Council
  - i) The priests
  - ii) The Levites
  - iii) The judge in the capital (Deuteronomy 17:9)
- c) They will pass the judgment (Deuteronomy 17:9)

**EXECUTION OF JUDICIARY DECISION**

1. To be carried out (Deuteronomy 17:10)

2. To be carried out carefully (Deuteronomy 17:10)

- a) According to the judgment
- b) According to the sentence of the law
- c) No turning aside, right or left (Deuteronomy 17:11)

## **THE SIN OF PRESUMPTION**

1. When one does not carry out the orders given (Deuteronomy 17:12)
2. The priest stands to minister before the LORD God (Deuteronomy 17:12)
3. The judge has the same privilege of ministering before God (Deuteronomy 17:12)

## **PENALTY OF PRESUMPTUOUSNESS**

1. Death penalty for the sin of presumption (Deuteronomy 17:12)
2. This may seem very harsh
3. The deeper reason
  - a) People to hear
  - b) People to fear
  - c) No longer act presumptuously