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There was a court system in Israel but no police force. The innocent person had to be protected before the family of a victim attempted to take vengeance. The cities of refuge provided a place of escape where the manslayer could be tried to see whether the death was manslaughter or murder.

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The first one to plead his cause seems right,
Until his neighbor comes and examines him.
Proverbs 18:17

Exodus 23

1 “You shall not circulate a false report. Do not put your hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. 2 You shall not follow a crowd to do evil; nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after many to pervert justice.

Matthew 18

15 “Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.

16 But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’

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Genesis 9

5 Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. 6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed;
For in the image of God He made man.

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3. God Requires Protection For Innocent People
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Isaiah 1

15 When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood. **16** “Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, **17** Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow.

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3. God Requires Protection For Innocent People (v22-25)

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Guilty sinners today can flee by faith to Jesus Christ and find refuge from the judgment of God. Because Jesus is the ever-living High Priest, salvation is secure forever; for “He ever lives to make intercession for them”. He bore the guilty sinner’s punishment; therefore, there can be no condemnation.

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John 15

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

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