

SERMON NOTES

BUILDING BLOCKS FOR LIFE: SECURITY
Deuteronomy 7:1-9,26

Times have certainly changed! Security seems to constantly be on our minds and in the news. Whether it's the threat of an intruder or a rogue nation, our security seems challenged on a regular basis. Moses understood how important "homeland security" is to a people. As the children of Israel prepared to enter Canaan, Moses knew the threats that would seek to divide the people and destroy their relationship with God. The devil seeks to "steal, kill, and destroy." Moses instructed the people to take advance action to protect themselves from the attacks of the enemy.

Key thought: Our enemy, (the devil), desires to divide families and destroy your relationship with God! We must take advance action to protect our families and our relationship with God!

1. You are important to God! (v. 6)

- a. You are the object of God's choosing.

- b. You are the object of God's cherishing.

2. Your spiritual health and the health of your family will be threatened! (v. 4)

(see Ephesians 6:10-12; 1 Peter 5:8; James 4:7)

- a. The seriousness of sin.

- b. The subtlety of sin.

3. You must follow God's plan for protecting your spiritual health and the health of your family.

- a. You must recognize the danger. (v. 2)

- b. You must refuse to allow relationships that are destructive. (v. 3)

- c. You must respond with radical decisions. (v. 5)

- d. You must be repulsed by the things that are detestable to God. (v. 26)

The Department of Homeland Security constantly keeps watch on the security needs of the United States and her citizens. In a similar way, Moses was keeping watch over the "security" of Israel. Moses desired to protect and prepare the next generation for the things they would face in Canaan. We must keep constant watch, recognizing the threat level to our families, our marriages, and our relationship with God. Every generation really does need security. I encourage you to follow God's plan for protecting and developing the next great generation.