

**“The Pentateuch”**  
**Deuteronomy 23:1-25**  
**Wednesday October 19, 2011**

**Theme** – Deuteronomy – “Renewed Covenant”, “Second Law”, “Gospel Of Love”

**Farewell Address of Moses, which is made up of 3 Sermons.**

**Sermon #1:** 1-4 (Past) Faithful God

**Sermon #2:** (Present) Deut 5-26 The God-Related Life: Moses Looks Within: (The Law, the Guide in Obedience.)

**Sermon #3:** 27-34 (Future)

**We left off in Deut 22:30** – Family Perversion:

**Now Moses considers the Purity of the Congregation:**

**Deut 23:1-8 – Those Excluded From The Congregation:**

1<sup>st</sup> Group – Those Who Had Been Initiated Into Pagan Religions:  
Deuteronomy 23: 1

God prohibits eunuchs from entering the assembly. The word “emasculated” referred to any type of mutilation; There were pagan rituals that involved degrees of mutilation up to castration.

A person with a defect was a symbol of moral and spiritual imperfections, which makes the worship of God impossible.

Isaiah 56: 3-6

2<sup>nd</sup> Group – Illegitimate Birth: Deut 23:2

3<sup>rd</sup> Group – Ammonite And Moabite: Verses 3-6 – Those Who Were Excluded Because Of Their Actions: Deut 23: 3-4

Genesis 19

Here, it isn’t their Ancestry that Excludes them, it is their Actions:

1. The Sin of Omission – where we don’t do something that we are commanded
2. The Sin of Commission – when we do something that is expressly forbidden

James 4:17

Deut 23:5-6

4<sup>th</sup> Group – Edomites And Egyptians: Deut 23:7-8

John 6:37

### **Deut 23:9-14 – Camp Cleanliness: Deut 23:9**

3 Specific Areas Of Cleanliness:

1. Military Campaign, They Were To Keep Themselves From Any Wicked Thing:
2. A Man Becoming Unclean By An Occurrence in the Night: Deut 23:10-11
3. Designated Toilet Facilities: Deut 23:12-13

The Purpose – Physical As Well as Spiritual: Deut 23:14

Physical Aspect, these laws were to stop the spread of disease or infection.

The Spiritual Aspect is that God walked in their midst:

Mark 5:1-5

For us today, God doesn't walk in our midst, He is within us.

2 Corinthians 6:14-17

Deut 23:15-25 – Miscellaneous Laws:

Deut 23:15-16 – Runaway Slaves: Deut 23:15-16

Deut 23:17-18 – Cult Prostitutes: Deut 23:17-18

Dog – “to yelp, or else to attack; a dog hence (by euphemism) a male prostitute”

Matt 27:3-10

Deut 23:19-20 – Loan Interests: Deut 23:19-20

Nehemiah 5

Luke 6: 34-35

Deut 23:21-23 – Keeping Vows: Deut 23:21

James 5:12

Matthew 5:37

Voluntary Vows: Deut 23:22-23

Ecclesiastes 5:1-5

Deut 23:24-25 – Wants Versus Needs: Deut 23:24-25

Luke 6:1-2

**Application:**

1. The Person With A Physical Defect Was A Symbol Of Moral and Spiritual Imperfections, Which Makes The Worship Of God Impossible.
2. Ancestry Does Not Exclude People From Knowing And Worshipping The True And Living God, It Is Their Actions: The Sin of Omission, And The Sin of Commission.
3. Cleanliness – The Physical Application Was To Stop The Spread of Disease or Infection. The Spiritual Application is Being Holy Because God Is Holy.
4. God met The Need Of Those That Were Hungry; God Will Meet All Our Needs But Not All Our "Greeds".