

## Deuteronomy 23:9-14 **Keep Israel and Army Camp Clean**

9 "When the army goes out against your enemies, then keep yourself from every wicked thing.

### Uncleanness in the Army Camp

10 If there is any man among you who becomes unclean by some occurrence in the night, then he shall go outside the camp; he shall not come inside the camp. 11 But it shall be, when evening comes, that he shall wash with water; and when the sun sets, he may come into the camp.

### Sanitation

12 Also you shall have a place outside the camp, where you may go out; 13 and you shall have an implement among your equipment, and when you sit down outside, you shall dig with it and turn and cover your refuse.

### Security Reason

14 For the LORD your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and give your enemies over to you; therefore your camp shall be holy, that He may see no unclean thing among you, and turn away from you. NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

- ✧ For success in war, Israel must keep itself from every wicked thing. [Deuteronomy 23:9]
- ✧ God has His eyes on the nation and will help a holy nation against her enemies.
- ✧ Notice that the army is going to war against YOUR enemies, and YOU are required to keep away from every sinful thing.
- ✧ The army is dependant on the purity in the eyes of God of the nation they serve.

### Uncleanness in the Army Camp [Deuteronomy 23:10-11, Leviticus 15:1-18, Numbers 5:1-4]

- ✧ A man who becomes unclean in the camp must remain outside the camp until sunset.
- ✧ In the evening he shall wash in water and then return into the camp after the sun sets.

### Army Camp Sanitation [Deuteronomy 23:12-13]

- ✧ There must be a place outside the camp for refuse.
- ✧ There must be an implement among your equipment, so when you sit down outside your camp, you shall dig and cover your refuse.

### Security Reason [Deuteronomy 23:14]

- ✧ Yehowah Eloheyk (the Lord your God) walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and give your enemies over to you.
- ✧ Your camp must therefore be holy.
- ✧ If God sees any unclean thing, He may turn away from you.
- ✧ That would leave you standing in your own strength alone against your enemy.
- ✧ To be successful, you need the help of Almighty God.