

Mending Fences: Job 1:8-11/Det 11:18-22/32

-Fences serve two purposes to protect something/protect you/privacy etc

-seen or unseen dangers

Day to day/material world, we are great putting up fences/guarding possessions

-Fences to keep us from harm/poison/pills etc: -People typically don't mind these types of fences

Fences around: homes, property, pets/livestock, airports, racetracks, military,

Fences: chain link, wooden, picket, barbed wire, mess, rope, cable

Fences: I have spent a lot of time behind fences (Walking/examining/securing/watching

(Keep me in or others out)

-Spiritual Fences: prevent damage to your life/soul

-Start putting up these kind of fences people get upset/say we are judging/choice/hate intolerate

-Often first to say when things go wrong: why didn't somebody do something)..Why God/Why doing this to me?

Not always as careful guarding our spiritual possessions: Many push against spiritual fences

Do/have/maintain: fences to ensure we are not slipping spiritually/spend enough time w/ families;

- not falling in to the trap of "living to work" / "working to live"?

-Do we make fences to help us live on the moral level that we would should?

-These spiritual fences/walls help withstand temptations/attacks worldliness/ungodliness

-Spiritual attack/repair/strengthening..mending

When neglect fences/take them down: (Dogs when not caring for fence/children etc)

-Dangers to us/security/children

--Cities had walls when walls up safe/when down endangered (ref through bible about walled cities)

-We need to build more fences/walls:

-Neh: great work was the walls w/o serious spiritual/physical danger (walls neglected/in ruin)

Building/Mending Fences Dt 11 :18-22/32 *if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which*

I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto

him; -32 And ye shall observe to do all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this day

Ps 37:7 *The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them*

Dt. 11: a guide to building/repairing spiritual walls brick by brick...

-Neh illustrates it work-fight-defend-worship all at once..go together

Spiritual Fences

-God places a hedge about us..what do we do with it? (Leave it be or maintain it/we have a role too)

-Through prayer/with God put a hedge of protection around ourselves/loved ones/Oversee/Guide

-Can also place a hedge of thorns around straying/wayward ones: Hos 2:6-7 *Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths. ⁷And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now.*

Stay away from fences: (clear zone)

-Don't want people climbing over our fences,

- Job 1:8-11 Satan recognizes fences..and don't cross them: If not well maintained he will walk through the gap

-Many think they can (Fremont st late night)

-Likewise many think climb over God's fence do what they want/get to heaven

-Cant just build a fence and leave it (examples of our fence with damage),

-all fence need inspecting (Neh) mending