

**Theme: Love the Lord Your God****PROBLEMS THAT HINDER US FROM LOVING THE LORD**

## 1. Moses warned the nation of Israel about these problems

- a) "Take heed"
- b) "Take careful heed"
- c) "Beware"

## 2. Some problems that were highlighted

- a) Forgetfulness Deuteronomy 8:11
  - i) It is so easy to forget
  - ii) The things which we have seen and learned can depart from us
- b) Pride Deuteronomy 8:14
  - i) Heart is lifted up
  - ii) Being full of ourselves
- c) Rebelliousness Deuteronomy 9:7
  - i) A state of the heart ("do not think in your heart") Deuteronomy 9:4
  - ii) "Stiff-necked people" Deuteronomy 9:6,13

## 3. The negative effects of these problems

- a) We can act corruptly Deuteronomy 9:12
- b) We can quickly turn aside Deuteronomy 9:12
- c) God is provoked to anger Deuteronomy 9:8
- d) This was confirmed later in the history of Israel (2 Kings 17)
  - i) They feared other gods
  - ii) They walked in the statutes of other countries
  - iii) They secretly did against the Lord
  - iv) They stiffened their necks

## **DEALING WITH THESE PROBLEMS**

1. Be aware
2. Be careful
3. Seek to understand (“therefore understand”)
4. Keep God’s commandments