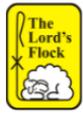


THIEVES OF PRAYER

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In John 10:10, Satan's masterplan is to steal, kill, and destroy. He is a thief and an enemy of God's people, seeking to harm and cut us off from our communion with God. There are lots of factors that can steal our prayers away: busyness, convenience, procrastination, lack of faith, prayerlessness, apathy, trials, worldly distractions, and the like. These "thieves" can rob our prayers of their power.

1. The House of Prayer

- 1.1. Jesus cleansed the temple (House of Prayer) twice: once at the beginning of His ministry (Jn. 2:12-23), and second, near the end of His life just before His crucifixion (Mk. 11:15-21).
- 1.2. In the first account, the Lord said that the temple had been turned into a "house of merchandise." In the second instance, Jesus pronounced the temple as a "den of thieves."
- 1.3. The first cleansing of the temple was marked by Jesus' righteous anger. He assailed the shrewd money changers and witnessed the haggling, cheating and the irreverence of the merchants.

2. Spiritual Cleansing

- 2.1 Our walk with God should likewise be the way Jesus aggressively cleansed the Temple.
- 2.2 If the first cleansing is not effective, there will be a dangerous demise of the sacred things in our lives. It is imperative to get rid of the "thieves."

3. What the Early Church did. The Biblical quotes/passages below remind us of the significance of prayer.

- 3.1. "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication" (Acts 1:14).
- 3.2. "They continued steadfastly in prayers" (Acts 2:42).
- 3.3. "Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer" (Acts 3:1).

- 3.4 "When they had prayed, the place was shaken" (Acts 4:31).
- 3.5. "We will give ourselves continually in prayer" (Acts 6:4).
- 3.6. "Peter who was in Joppa had a vision while praying" (Acts 11:5).
- 3.7. "Prayers were being made without ceasing by the Church to God on Peter's behalf" (Acts 12:5).
- 3.8. Many were gathered together praying" (Acts 12:12).

4. Need for Church Revival

The Church cry (plea) is for revival to strengthen the prayer lives of the faithful. This can be pursued through programs, seminars, spiritual books, and new technology. Hence, this is the time to devote ourselves to the ministry of prayer and intercession.

Conclusion: God desires a pure temple: a place set apart for praise and worship, prayer, meditation, and contemplation. Jesus had to cleanse because the temple was a sacred place to worship. Thus, we should feel convicted of "robber activities" that may have stripped us of full participation in God's House. We must ensure that our attitude and demeanor would not desecrate the "House of Prayer." Finally, prayer should be our holy occupation.

Reflection: How have you personally made God's House a place of prayer above all else?

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, pour out Your power upon us and purify us, so we can approach You in genuine prayer. Help us to be instruments to make our community a house of prayer and a place of active and vibrant ministry. In Jesus' Name. AMEN!*

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