

Cleansing Your Home Spiritually

As Christians, we need to be aware that there is a spiritual battle going on at all times. The Apostle Paul said that:

We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rules of darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12

Although greater is the Holy Spirit in us than the devil who is in this world, we must know that:

The thief (Satan) does not come except to steal, and to kill and to destroy, I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:10

And that we are not to be ignorant of Satan's devices. 2 Corinthians 2:11

This means we must arm ourselves with the knowledge of how Satan completes his assignment to steal, kill and destroy. And then further, we are to destroy those plans and assignments so that we can fulfill our destiny.

Demonic Oppression in Our Homes

One of the ways that Satan comes against us is by gaining access to our homes, businesses and other properties. Demons gain access to our homes through sin, trauma, witchcraft, occult practices and curses.

Just like demons can oppress and torment Christians (not possess), demons can attach themselves to properties and objects and bring oppression and torment.

Some signs of a home needed prayer and cleansing:

- Sudden chronic illness
- Recurrent bad dreams and nightmares
- Insomnia or unusual sleeplessness
- Behavior problems (even with children and pets)
- Relational problems – continual fighting, arguing and misinterpreted communication
- Lack of peace
- Restless or disturbed children
- Unexplained illnesses or bondage to sin
- Ghosts or demonic apparitions
- Objects moving by themselves
- Foul, unexplainable odors
- Atmosphere of heaviness or hard to breathe
- Continual nausea and headaches
- Ongoing problems with need for repairs and maintenance and the continual breakdown of the home, equipment, etc.

Do not fear, there is cleansing by the blood of Jesus. If any of these things are going on, ask the Lord to reveal to you any spiritual darkness that may be present in your home.

Inspect Your Home

You should make a thorough inspection of your home, asking the Holy Spirit to show you any objects that:

1. Represent demonic strongholds in our own lives.

Example: Bondage of Lust

Keeping jewelry and gifts from former lovers

The gifts and jewelry are not the problem, it is what they represent, an inability to disconnect from past relationships.

Example: Bondage of Rebellion, Racism, Hatred

Keeping items related to the civil war or other such things that keep a person connected with generational iniquities.

2. Do not bring glory to God

These are objects that by their very nature attract or allow demonic attachment.

- False Gods

The Ten Commandments state:

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourselves a carved image . . . you shall not bow down before them nor serve them. For I the Lord am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those that hate me, but showing mercy to thousands to those that love Me and keep My commandments. Deuteronomy 5:7-8

A carved image is an object that represents a false god or demonic figure. These objects are in and of themselves offensive to God and therefore are an open door to demonic attachment.

Some examples:

Buddha statues

Egyptian gods

Greed gods

Note that many sororities, fraternities and mystic societies have Egyptian and Greek gods associated with them.

Gargoyles

Fetishes (object believed to have demonic power)

Totem Poles
Evil depictions of animals

What out for souvenirs from foreign countries.

- False Religions

Objects related to false religions such as:
Mormonism, Islam, Hinduism, etc.

Instruction books on Yoga, ungodly meditation, spiritism, etc.

- Occult Practices

Anything and everything related to the occult must be destroyed.

Ouija boards

Astrology items

Tarot Cards

Crystals

Water Witching sticks

Voodoo dolls

Etc.

Notice that the people of Ephesus brought their occultic items together and burned them after they accepted Jesus:

Also, many who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, it totaled 50,000 pieces of silver. So the Word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed. Acts 19:19-29

- Secret Society Objects

Certain organizations have oaths, rituals, pledges, etc. that are ungodly and cause curses. Some of these are:

Freemasonry

Eastern Star

DeMolay

Rainbow Girls

Shriners

Job's Daughters

Odd Fellows

Daughters of the Nile

Because of the nature of these organizations, demons can easily attach to any object having to do with it. In addition, most items are kept by family members in the generations as keepsakes and so allow the curse to perpetuate.

- Other Objects

Anything else that does not bring glory to God

Demonic games, video games and movies
Music with violence, cursing or demonic element
(Look at the covers of CDs as even these are sometimes demonic)
Books with demonic element
Pornography
Illegal drugs

When we have items that offend God in our homes, we leave ourselves open to demonic oppression and torment.

Please Note:

Not every object having to do with your culture and past needs to be destroyed. You must have the guidance of the Holy Spirit to determine where to draw the line. Some items in our culture are ok. Some represent the false gods, idols and demons associated with the culture. You need discernment to help you.

Also, remember you have every right to destroy anything you own. You do not have the right to destroy things that OTHER people own, such as your spouse. As far as your children are concerned, if they are in your house, you may remove items that they bring into the home that offend God. It is best however, to sit your child down and explain it to them as opposed to just snatching the objects from them. It needs to be a learning moment for them.

What to do with items to be destroyed:

1. Repent for allowing the object in your home.
2. Ask God to forgive you.
3. Renounce all affection and attachment to the object.
4. If possible, burn the object. Otherwise, break it, damage it and throw it out. Do not donate to a thrift store or sell it.

In Deuteronomy, the Lord spoke to the children of Israel about destroying the false gods when they entered the land:

But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their sacred pillars and cut down their wooden images and burn their carved images with fire.
Deuteronomy 7:5

You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; you shall not covet the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be snared by it, for it is an abomination to the Lord your God. Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest it and utterly abhor it, for it is an accursed thing. Deuteronomy 7:25-26

5. In the name of Jesus, take authority over all demons associated with that object and order them to leave and not return.

Cleanse Your Land

The land where your home, business, ministry, etc. is located can be defiled by sin, leaving it open to demonic oppression. As with objects, repentance and the blood of Jesus is effective in cleansing your land of all spiritual darkness. Sin does have a direct effect on us and our property.

Be angry and sin not. Do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place (foothold) to the devil. Ephesians 4:26-27

A foothold is a secure place that provides a base for further advancement and progress into a life. Satan can gain a foothold on our lives if we do not confess the sin and ask forgiveness. One example is anger. But this applies to any sin.

In addition, a foothold can be given to Satan on our land as result of our sin or the sins of previous owners or occupants. Our land becomes “defiled” so to speak. So, we need to look at what has occurred on our land or in our homes, in addition to the objects we have.

Sins that can bring defilement to the land:

1. Idolatry
2. Bloodshed
 Violence, Murder, Anger, Shedding of Blood
3. Immorality
 Sexual immorality, pornography, etc.
4. Abuse
5. Covenant Breaking

Remember when Saul broke the covenant with the Gibeonites? (2 Samuel 21:1). It caused a curse and resulting famine on the land until David dealt with it.

Land stolen from Native Americans that was given to them by treaty is land acquired by a broken covenant. Repentance is necessary in these situations.

How to Pray over Your Land

1. Repent for any known and unknown sins committed in your home or on your land. This includes your sins and sins committed by those on the land before you.
2. Renounce and cancel the effects of all sins.
3. Cancel all curses coming against your home or properties.
4. Declare the Blood of Jesus over your home/land to cleanse it from all unrighteousness.

The blood of Jesus is effective to cleanse you, your home, your land and anything else you own from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:7

5. Anoint all windows and doors of your home with oil, decreeing that this place is holy ground.

6. In the name of Jesus, take authority over all demons that were allowed in your home or on your land due to sin. Order them to leave and not return.

7. Dedicate your home and land to the Lord Jesus and ask His blessings to come upon your home and all who dwell there.

You can even drive stakes into the four corners of your land, pouring oil on each stake. Declare that the land is dedicated to the Lord as you anoint the stakes and order all evil influences to depart, in the name of Jesus

What Land?

You can take authority, and cleanse any land that you have a legal right to occupy, such as your:

Home you own	Home you rent
Business	Church
Hotel Room	

It is a good idea to cleanse your home and properties regularly. We cannot always control what is happening on our properties and so this cleansing is good to do regularly. Also, any curses by outside sources (witchcraft, etc.) can be handled with prayers of repentance and cleansing.

An excellent book to learn more about this subject is: *Protecting Your Home from Spiritual Darkness* by Chuck Pierce and Rebecca Wagner Sytsema.

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