

*Two things will get you to leap out of yourselves into the promises of God today. One is purity, and the other is FAITH, which is kindled more and more by PURITY.*

Smith Wigglesworth

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Prayer Study #256

## **HOUSE CLEANSING**

*If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attentive unto the prayer that is made in this place. For now Have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there forever, and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.*

2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:14-15

### **Symptoms of Spiritual Pollution in Homes (taken from *How to Minister Freedom*)**

Sudden ongoing illnesses

Continual bad dreams and nightmares

Insomnia

Behavior problems such as continual fighting and misunderstanding

No peace

Unexplained illnesses such as chronic headaches or fatigue

Heightened bondages such as increased mental or physical perversion

Ghosts or demonic apparitions

Poltergeists (the movement of physical objects by demons)

Foul unexplainable odors

Atmospheric heaviness, making it hard to breath

### **Potential Entry Points**

The activities of previous occupants

Some kind of violation of the land, such as building on a site that was once an Indian burial site or such as a murder taking place on the land or in the house

Objects related to heathen worship, such as Hindu gods, yoga, snakes, dragons, pyramids, crystals, broken crosses, Buddha figurines, gargoyles, tarot cards, worry stones, voodoo dolls, frogs and owls

Objects related to the occult, such as Ouija boards, Dungeons and Dragons, many video games, horoscope or astrology books, demonic tattoos, Satanism materials, New Age materials, etc.

Movie videos, with immoral behavior or foul language, and pornographic books, pictures, or websites

Music that demonstrates a demonic or depraved mental imagery, uses filthy words or creates an interest in death or murder

Pokémon dolls, goddess statues, demon statues, demonic comic books, rock posters, troll dolls, Smurf dolls, an obsession with turtles (an Egyptian god), owls (witches use owls to control others), or phoenix birds (Egyptian god that controlled the underworld)

Harry Potter books, books dealing with cults or occults

Art or jewelry with obvious demonic representations, such as yin-yang; broken or upside down crosses; good luck charms; dragons; snakes; etc.

### **Purification Process**

- 1. Repent for the sins, bad attitudes, and behaviors of both you and your family members** (1<sup>st</sup> John 1:7-10: *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.*)
- 2. Repent on behalf of past owners for any defilement in the land or house**
- 3. Remove and destroy (do not give away) items related to the occult, heathen worship, past sin, and anything else the Lord convicts you of. You do not, however, have the right to destroy other people's property, even other family members.**
- 4. Renounce aloud any demonic contract that you have made willingly or unwillingly and break any unholy covenants with**

past sin, including ungodly soul ties or ungodly relationships. Break them by the blood of Jesus.

5. **Command the demons, in the name of Jesus, to leave you, your family and your home. Ask the Lord to cleanse you, your possessions, and your home.**
6. **Read scriptures over the house, especially those dealing with anything evil that you are discerning.** For example, if you feel a lot of fear in the house, read and quote out loud scriptures such as 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:7 (*God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and love and a sound mind*) every time you sense the spirit of fear in the house.
7. **Anoint the doorpost with oil and pray over the entrée ways:**

*Moving day from Egypt was such an important time for the Israelites that the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron and said, "This month shall be your beginning of months. It shall be the first month of your year to you." Unfortunately, because of their sin and unbelief, murmuring and complaining, it took the Israelites 40 years of wandering in the wilderness to get to the new house. But let's go back to moving day. The Lord instructed the people on the first Passover to take a lamb without blemish, sacrifice it, and take the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel (horizontal top border of the door) of the house. He said that when He saw the blood, He would pass over that house and not bring the death plague on that house.*

*Today we don't have to go kill a lamb because we have a Lamb, Jesus Christ, the sacrificial lamb, that was slain for us. When we come into true relationship with Him, the blood is applied to our hearts, the door of our earthly tabernacle or spiritual man. Today we symbolically anoint this house, not with blood, but with oil, which represents God the Holy Spirit whom God the Son sent to be our comforter and guide, on the doorposts and the lintel of the front (and back) door. This act welcomes the Holy Spirit and brings life instead of death, hope instead of despair, and faith instead of fear.*

8. **Confess the house to be a place**
  - a. To worship God
  - b. To come to God in prayer
  - c. To listen to the Holy Spirit
  - d. To find victory over sin
  - e. To find peace in troubled times
  - f. To witness to the lost

- g. To love your neighbors
- h. To comfort loved ones
- i. To grow in your Christian walk
- j. To ask forgiveness of others
- k. To share your faith with others
- l. To be wise in finances
- m. To be accountable to each other
- n. To ask for guidance from the Holy Spirit
- o. To confess sin and seek forgiveness
- p. To praise the Lord
- q. To bring problems to God
- r. To rely on God to guide your life
- s. To pray as a family
- t. To anticipate Christ's return
- u. To dedicate your life to God
- v. To trust and wait for God's answers
- w. To do spiritual warfare against the enemy
- x. To read and study His Word
- y. To support each other in testings and trials
- z. To genuinely love one another

I personally have found it helpful to play the Word, even when you are not at home, in your house. There is something about filling the atmosphere of your home with words that the Holy Spirit uttered to men. You will find that your house seems more peaceful, cleaner, and purer. Praying will be so much easier, and you will sense His presence. You might even hear the angels sing!

**WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS**  
**Joseph Scriven**

What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and grieves to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.