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**2 Chronicles 19:3** Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.

## "LOOK FOR HIS COMING"

All scriptures are quoted from the King James Version of the Bible.

**Have you come one on one with the Lord?**

### **Prayer 4 House of Prayer**

**Mt. 21:13** And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

**Mk. 11:17** And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

**Lk. 19:46** Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.

**Isaiah 56:7** Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

I have heard it said that we do not worship the house, but we worship God. This is true, but the Lord's house is a house of prayer. I know of no place in the New Testament where we are told or commanded to build a house of worship. The tabernacle and temple were commanded in the Old Testament. When we build a house and notify the members and fellow churches in the area to come in to dedicate the building unto the Lord I would say from that time forward it is the house of the Lord and should be considered a house of prayer. It should be respected as such and not be given unto anything but a house of prayer. Either we give it to the Lord or we don't. If we don't then why have a ceremonial service in the first place.

We are to come as little children and it would make a big impression if the little children saw us respecting the Lord's House as a house of prayer. Why do we call it the Lord's House if it is not his? Why do we have socials in it, dinners, breakfasts, have garage sales, and I have even heard of auctions, for a good cause of course. The list would probably be endless. I would say the Lord's House is for spiritual things and not carnal.

**Mark 11:15** ¶And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;

**16 And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple.**

**17** And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Look at Mark 11:16 above and note Christ would not suffer any man to carry any vessel through the temple . In many of our churches today if you shut down the kitchens the church would most likely have to shut down. Please explain to me what any man carry any vessel means. Are we saying that the local church is not the House of Prayer? Are we saying the local church is not the House Of God? Tell me why most churches have a dedication service when a church begins dedicating the church to the Lord, is it not His and used for Him?

**Mark 7:14** ¶And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand:

**15** There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.

**16** If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

**17** And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable.

**18** And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him;

**19** Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?

Notice in Mark 7:19 it states that what enters into the belly goes into the draught, but to understand it must enter into the heart. I am afraid our generation today worries more about what goes into the belly than the heart. The New Testament and The Old Testament shows clearly that everything centers around the heart. We must understand and it must come from the heart.

**Secret**

Secret is mentioned 6 times in one chapter (Matthew Chapter 6 ) in “The Sermon On The Mount”. Two of these are regarding prayer.

**Mt. 6:4** That thine alms may be in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

**Mt. 6:5** But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

**Mt. 6:18** That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

Suggestion: In Mt. 6:6 we are told to pray in secret. It is felt we should have a particular place that we can go to pray that is known to us and to God. A closet suggest a quiet place separate and apart from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Then when we go to this place we know what we are going for and God knows why we are there. When deciding to go there and on the way there it give us time to prepare the heart to approach the throne of God. It helps us to respect him and to want to seek an audience with him. It gives us a feeling of the greatness of God. He knows our inner thoughts and mind so we know we cannot lie to him but to be truthful and honest. He knows before we come what our hearts’ desire is. It could be that we have a problem or it could be for guidance or to praise his holy name.

You can chose a place like driving a car or washing dishes, but your attention has been divided and you have distractions. I certainly do not think, nor am I saying not to pray while doing things. We are to be continually in pray (Acts 6:4, 12:5, Lk. 21:36, Rom. 12:12, Eph. 6:18, and 1 Th. 5:17) and should ask God to be with us in every aspect of our lives. I am saying to have a special place to go to get near to God. It helps to prepare the heart to have a place of no distractions and give your full attention to God and him alone.

I did a lot of driving in my work and have prayed while driving and meditating (thinking on things of God) and changed one to the other without hardly knowing the difference. Meditation is so close to prayer you feel the presence of God in both. It is felt we still need the closet or special place in secret known only to us and God.

The parable of the sower (Lk. 8:4-15) show us very clearly that in order to produce fruit we have to have a good heart. We are told to seek the face of God (2 Chr. 7:14), but we are also told to prepare our hearts to seek God. If we seek we shall find and if we know it shall be open unto us. God seeks those that seek him with a contrite spirit (Ps. 34:18). In this manner we are seeking God, we are showing a desire to speak to him, we are doing it in secret with a prepared heart (2 Chr. 9:3) to approach the throne of God and we are told to address him as “Our Father”(Mt. 6:9-13).

When God answers our prayers daily on small things then when we have a problem we immediately know where to go and do not hesitate.

Remember we are God's servants and we should want his will to be first in our lives. One of God's servants said Here am I send Me. We should not always be asking for ourselves but to be better servants and to praise his holy name. Remember his will not our will is primary.

## **Christ Gave Us an Example**

**Lk. 23:34** ¶Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

Christ ask the Father to forgive those that were bringing about his death on the cross. We often have a problem forgiving others for daily trespasses and praying for them.

## **Let Us Be an Example**

Set a Standard for God's People

Respect God's House

Honor God's House

It Is a House of Prayer

Do that Which Is Pleasing to God

His Will and Not Ours at His House

No Entertainment or Enticement

Purpose of This Publication: To make an awareness that we are living in the last days of the last days. The coming of Jesus Christ, the son of the living God is at the doors.

Seeketh Findeth Ma. 7:8 -

Drawn by the Father Jn 6:44, Jn 4:23

Believe upon the Son Jn 3:16 -

Repent and Confess Lk 13:5, 1Jn 4:15

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