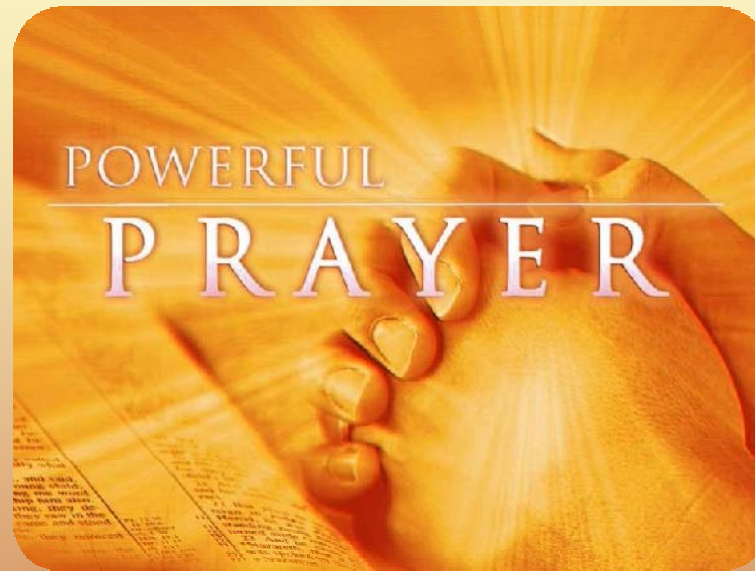


A House On Its Knees-4



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All Scripture is taken from the NIV Bible unless otherwise noted

Introduction

•This lecture takes a deep look at God's relationship with the church. It grips the whole notion that everything you need in the physical has already taken place in the spiritual and can be received through prayer.

•Matthew 16:19, *"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."* As believers we have to speak it and believe that it is already done. Paul summed it up by saying . . . God will supply all of our needs.



Focus Text

Text: Luke 19:41-42, 45-46 (NIV)

41 As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it

42 and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace-- but now it is hidden from your eyes.

45 Then he entered the temple area and began driving out those who were selling.

46 "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be a house of prayer'; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"



Review

- The proper attitude promotes healthy activity.
- When the atmosphere gets right that is when the holistic healing starts.
- Jesus said, “This is My House. . . . I don’t care what name you got on it. I don’t care what denomination you claim. This ain’t no Methodist house. This ain’t no Baptist house. This ain’t no Catholic house. This ain’t Sam’s house. This ain’t no deacon’s house. . . .or no preacher’s house.”
- When it comes to the church, God is the authority and Jesus becomes the Authoritative Representation of that Authority. The church leadership has been given to ‘**The Pastor**’ who is the authoritative representation.
- **WHAT HAS TO GOVERN THE CHURCH IS THE *WORD*** . . . not our opinions . . . not our desires . . . not our traditions . . . not our denomination . . . but God’s Word.



Not In My House!

- You got to regulate the atmosphere and make some things regular and normal in the house. The Spirit said, “Tell them this just ain’t a Word for my house, but tell them if they got a house they need to go home today and tell them, ‘Devil, this is my house and I am regulating the atmosphere.’”
- Somebody needs to go home today and tell the devil, “You will not just come up in my house and do what you want to do with my children, with my finances, with my health, **with my relationships.**”
- Tell somebody, “Not in my house!!!”
- Every now and then you got to look at the devil and tell him, “You got by me the last time. You tore some stuff up the last time. But I came now standing on the power of the Word under the authority of the Holy Spirit and I am telling you...**NOT IN MY HOUSE!!!**”



Not In My House!

- You can't have my house. You can't have my children. You can't have my finances!
- Stop acting like you don't have authority. Stop acting like you are not anointed!!! Stop acting like you are not saved!!! Tell somebody, "That's my house!!! And the Word makes the rules in my house!!! And the rules are determined by God's Word . So Devil, get ready to rumble!!!...because it is my house.
- My child ain't coming up in here with no attitude!!! My spouse and I ain't coming up in here acting crazy!!! It's my house!! You better take authority of the atmosphere in your house!!! Tell those in the house, "*As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!!!*"



A Kneeling House

- I came to declare that we are going to **take back the atmosphere in His house and make it a kneeling house**. To really step into this thought you got to go to Matthew's account to get it.



- Matthew 21:15 said . . . the folk started shouting and praising God. . . . *Watch the text. . . .* It said some of the folk in the temple got disturbed. . . . Please understand that it is one thing if you are not a loud shouter. . . . *That's cool. . . .* You do *you* . . . but it is another thing if you think it ought not be done. You see, if you think shouting and praising should not be done there is a problem. You are trying to stop me from doing *me*.

- In short form I do not want to push against anybody but when it comes to worship . . . you do *you* . . . and let me do *me*. I will not bother you and if you will, don't bother me because when I shout, you don't know what is behind my shout. You do not know how good the Lord has been to me!!!. You do not know because you were not there. You don't know when and you don't know how. So let me praise God like I need to.

Confused About Ownership

•The folk in the text. . . . It was the fact that the folk in the text did not do what was going. They did not think it should be done. They said . . . (*there it is in Luke 21:30*) . . . “Shut them up.”

•Jesus said, “Yall are confused. . . . This ain’t your house. . . . This is **My** House. You can’t make folk stop praising me in My House. Matter of fact, they are in order and yall are out of order. Yall are still getting the pronouns confused. It ain’t **this** House and it ain’t **your** house. It is governed by **My Word**. The last time I checked if the Word said it we can and ought to do it.



Pray Always

•The Word said man shall always pray and to pray without ceasing. What the Master is saying is that a house that is on its knees is a house that practices His presence always.

•Every time you practice His presence, you release kindness. Every time you practice His presence, you release mercy. Whenever you practice His presence through prayer your faith becomes stronger. Your hope becomes brighter. Your decisions become vision and those visions become clearer. Thoughts become purer and doubts become fewer.

•*Oh, I am trying to cut and run* but is there anybody in the House who understands that if the Word said it we can do it????

•A House on its knees. . . . Prayer changes things when a House gets on its knees healing takes place. When a House gets on its knees, relationships recover...joy returns. . . . peace is restored. . . .the discouraged becomes encouraged.



A House On It's Knees

- Tell somebody, “His House shall be a House of prayer.”

- The Bible said they went to Him and said, “Make them shut up” He said, “They don’t have the problem. *You* got the problem. This is My House and I like noise. I want you to mix up prayer and praise. . . . Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Let’s fix the atmosphere.

- Let’s fix the atmosphere with some praise. I tell you what, you do it *your* way and let me do me, *my* way. Let’s do it “Burger King” style. . . . You may run. . . . I may cry. You may jump. . . . I may rock. . . . You may scream. . . . I may clap. You may holler. . . . I may nod my head. You do your part and I will do mine to fix the atmosphere in the House.

A hand-drawn illustration featuring musical notes and the text "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Psalm 150:6". The text is written in a cursive, handwritten style. There are several musical notes scattered around the text, including a treble clef, a bass clef, and various note heads and stems. The background is a light, textured yellowish-brown.

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- To give this House His touch . . . can I get an atmosphere check . . .? Close your eyes and just think about the goodness of God and all that He has done for you...your family...your friends...your enemy...your church...your pastor.
- Remember...He made a way...out of no way. He paid your rent when you were jobless...He gave you food when you had no money...He gave you a nice place to stay when you're credit score was below 500. He brought you through surgery and now you are healed!
- Yes, He did it before and He will do it again. He will. . . . Let's set the atmosphere. . . . Love each other. . . . Forgive one another. . . . Encourage each other...celebrate one another. Let's fix the atmosphere.

