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“House Cleaning 101”

“And [Jesus] said, ‘What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil...” (Mark 7:20-21)

House of Horrors

Ezekiel 8:7-14 – (7) “And he brought me to the entrance of the court, and when I looked, behold, there was a hole in the wall. (8) Then he said to me, ‘Son of man, dig in the wall.’ So I dug in the wall, and behold, there was an entrance. (9) And he said to me, ‘Go in, and see the vile abominations that they are committing here.’ (10) So I went in and saw. And there, engraved on the wall all around, was every form of creeping things and loathsome beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel. (11) And before them stood seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, with Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan standing among them. Each had his censer in his hand, and the smoke of the cloud of incense went up. (12) Then he said to me, ‘Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the dark, each in his room of pictures? For they say, ‘The LORD does not see us, the LORD has forsaken the land.’ (13) He said also to me, ‘You will see still greater abominations that they commit.’ (14) Then he brought me to the entrance of the north gate of the house of the LORD, and behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.”

David’s Deep-Cleaning

Psalm 101:2-7 – (2) “I will ponder the way that is blameless. Oh when will you come to me? I will walk with integrity of heart within my house; (3) I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me. (4) A perverse heart shall be far from me; I will know nothing of evil. (5) Whoever slanders his neighbor secretly I will destroy. Whoever has a haughty look and an arrogant heart I will not endure. (6) I will look with favor on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he who walks in the way that is blameless shall minister to me. (7) No one who practices deceit shall dwell in my house; no one who utters lies shall continue before my eyes.”

**My Spiritual House Requires Continual Cleaning/
Spiritual Slobs Frustrate God**

Cooperative Cleansing

Psalm 51:7, 10 – (7) Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. (10) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”

Malachi 3:3 – “He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.”

1 John 1:9 – “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

James 1:27, 4:8 – “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.”

“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”

What are some things I need to make right with God?

How often do I allow the “Son of Man to dig a hole through my walls” by confessing my sins to God?

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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