

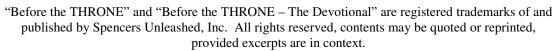
Volume 2 Books of Poetry Psalm 83:12

"... Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession." Psalm 83:12

In context, this brief passage is speaking of the words spoken by the enemies of God in their plans to plunder the land of Israel – these words are still to this day being spoken and new strategies are being devised to gain "the houses of God in possession."

But may we for a moment reexamine these words in a more personal and positive way? Too often the people of God do not take "possession" of the houses of God. More likely rather than hear words such as these – "Let us take personal responsibility for the ministry of the church and its upkeep", we hear words such as these – "I don't have time to serve." "It's really not my gift to serve in this or that capacity." "I'm all ready helping out." Excuse after such excuse is offered for why they cannot serve and take possession or personally be responsible for the work and ministry of the local church and her people!

Will you not reexamine your attitude? It seems that people always can find time to do what they what to do – from hobbies to recreation. Is it right to allow the ministry of the Church to suffer because we haven't "possessed them?" Surely if we "owned" these ministries the work of the Gospel would surge forward as we "take to ourselves the house of God in possession!"



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