

Before the THRONE

The Devotional

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Nehemiah 13:4-9

“And ... Eliashib, the priest, having the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God was allied to Tobiah, and he prepared for him a great chamber... and I came to Jerusalem, and discovered the evil the Eliashib had done for Tobiah in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God. And it grieved me very much; therefore, I cast forth all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber. Then I ...cleaned the chamber, and brought again the vessels of the house of God.” Nehemiah 13:4-9

The devil is a squatter! As heaven’s first worship leader he still longs for a place near the glory of God. And churches are one of his favorite places. Religious folk don’t bother the devil at all – in fact, they often act and talk more like the devil than they do the Lord!

As a thief, the devil’s chief aim is to steal the rightful place of honour from Jesus Christ. Sowing discord in the ranks of the redeemed is one of hell’s chief ambitions, thus attempting to dishonour the name of God. “But if you have bitter envying and strife in our hearts, glory not, and lie not against th truth. This wisdom descends not from above but is earthly, sensual, and devilish.” (James 3:14-15).

Never compromise with the devil, even if it means doing things the hard way. Like Nehemiah, we too must be grieved when the devil is found in either our personal life or in the life of the church. Throw him out! And once he’s out, cleanse the “rooms” and allow the Holy Spirit to fill them up with His glorious and peaceful presence!

“When the evening was come, they brought to Him many who were possessed with demons; and He cast them out with His word, and healed all who were sick.” (Matthew 8:16).

“In My name they shall cast out devils...” Mark 16:17b