

SPIRITUAL WARFARE Pt.8: CLEANSING YOUR HOME, DEMONIC ATTACHMENTS, DEMONIC ITEMS

I am incorporating into this sermon series an old sermon I did entitled “Spiritual Warfare in Your House.” The things I’m going to teach today bear repeating. Repetition helps us to learn and really get a hold of what is being taught. This sermon will help to deliver and set people when you listen and do what I’m about to teach.

Houses, properties, and buildings can be inhabited by spirits and need to be cleansed.

What kind of things are in your home, what have you spent your money acquiring? What do you spend your time on? Take inventory of what’s in your house. When I truly got saved, The Holy Spirit began to draw my attention to things in our home that were ungodly. As He begins to clean you up, He begins to show you things that don’t please God. He will open your spiritual eyes and as your mind is renewed you should begin to evaluate things spiritually. **(Romans 12:2)**

I’m going to share with you some of the things I found in our home. We had some idols in our home and I didn’t even know it. When I worked in the corporate world, my boss went on a trip overseas and brought me back a souvenir.



It looked almost exactly like this. Back then I wasn't really saved even though I professed to be a Christian, I wasn't living for Jesus. I kept it. If you are really a Christian, you should be able to look at something like this and know it represents the kingdom of darkness. At that time I was using the oven to warm up my house at night. It isn't ideal to use an oven to warm up a house but that's what I had back then. The night I brought this thing home, the element in the oven blew out and the whole kitchen lit up so bright in the middle of the night. I ran in there and threw salt on it to put it out. Now, I was not living right with Jesus back then but still I knew somehow what happened was linked to that wood carved mask. So I took it and put it into a spare room so it would be out of sight. This is the non-sense stuff that unsaved people do. This was a spiritual matter but I was clueless because I grew up not understanding the spiritual significance of things like this.

At some point after truly being saved, I began to go through the things in our house and that is when I found that mask again. I looked it up online and learned the truth about it.



This is a statue in Indonesia of the same bird creature on the mask I had been given. It's name is Garuda.



This statue is in Indonesia of Vishnu riding on Garuda. The wooden mask I had is a Hindu deity called Garuda and Garuda is the mount that one of the main Hindu deities, Vishnu, rides on. Just by having this in my possession, it was drawing evil spirits to it and bad things into my life because of it. It was an idol even though I was not worshipping Hindu gods, I had an idol in my possession.

1 John 5:21 – Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

Just keeping this thing being nice because my boss gave it to me, I was bringing trouble into my life. It gave satan a legal right to come in and harass me.

Let's read in Joshua chapter 7 about a time when Israel was conquering the land of Canaan to go in and possess it and they were defeated in battle by a little town called Ai. Joshua did not know that Achan had taken things which God said not to touch. Joshua knew God was with them and when they were defeated by the little town of Ai, the first thing he did was humble himself before The Lord in prayer to find out why this had happened. Listen to what GOD said:

Joshua 7:10-12 - And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled (lied) also, and they have put *it* even among their own stuff. Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, *but* turned *their* backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.

Because someone in the camp had sinned against God, and took items that God said not to touch, God would not stand with the nation of Israel when they fought against the small town called Ai. In order to have God's protection and blessings flowing in our lives, we must deal with and get the sin out. We are not to have things in our lives that don't please God, there will be consequences.

When I learned about this mask, I thought about some little elephants that Scott's Indian co-workers had given him from time to time. So I looked those up too:

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been known to symbolize power, wisdom, and good luck. Many believers often collected elephant figurines to place in their household to protect it.

These little elephants are associated with the Hindu deity Ganesh and with Buddha. They are idols. It is idolatry to believe in things like this instead of trusting in The Living God. A wooden elephant is not going to protect you. God is our protector. A wooden elephant is not going to bless your life, these kind of beliefs are superstition which is tied to witchcraft and is reverence and worship of demons.

I gathered up these things and destroyed them. I cannot remember what all we burned up and what went in the trash back then. But I recommend breaking and burning everything you can. Do not take what you clean out of your house to Goodwill or give it away, you don't want to be responsible for being an ungodly influence on someone else's life because you gave them ungodly things. Destroy the things you discover in your home that don't please God.

For those of you that have sexual gadgets and things you use to pleasure yourself, masturbation is sin against your own body and against God – throw that stuff out. You will bring spirits of sexual perversion in by the use of those things and by masturbating. Repent, ask God for help to stop and to cleanse your life from the demons that came in because of this practice.

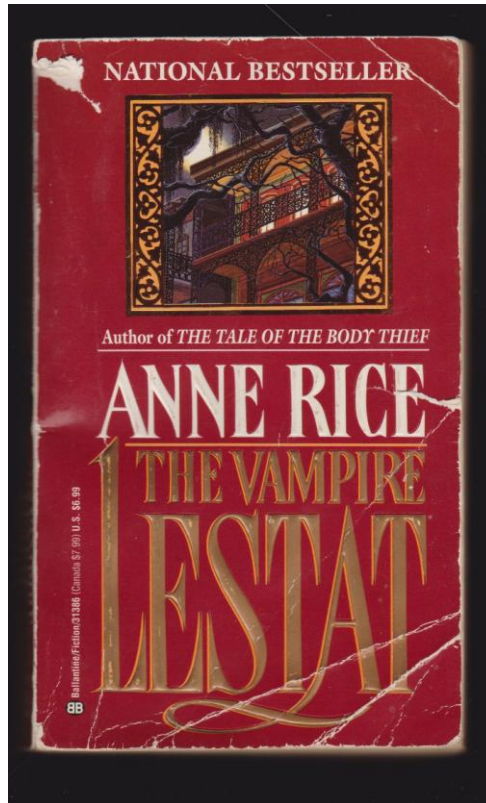
If you smoke, drink or do drugs, those things need to get out of your life and home. I recently covered those things in sermons on each subject. If that's you, then you do have demonic strongholds in your life that need to be dealt with. I would go and watch those sermons if you haven't already.

I gathered up all movies that were rated R and got rid of them. That rating usually means they are full of cussing and often have risqué sexual scenes in them. If you have pornography in magazines, books or movies – destroy it, get that stuff out of your home and out of your life.



Something I used to watch was Sex in the City. The “and” in the title is a Mandela Effect. But once I was truly saved, this went by the wayside. This was all about a bunch of single women sleeping around having sex outside of marriage. This doesn’t please God.

Get rid of very violent movies or gory and scary movies and books. Anything that is satanic or occultic – get it out.



The Vampire Lestat. I was reading a series of books by Anne Rice about vampires. I got rid of all of that. If you have a Koran in your home, get it out. If you have books on Roman Catholicism – get rid of them. Books on false religions and New Age need to go. Books on Wicca, witchcraft, freemasonry, ect. – burn them. I mean clean house, look at everything.

Look at the art on your walls, what is it about, what is depicted and what is the meaning of it? Look at your jewelry and get rid of things that have witchcraft symbols or occult symbols on it.



This is a Viking symbol and what I call a witchcraft tree, it is highly satanic. The Vikings were pagan and they were raiders, pirates. If you have jewelry with this on it or art on your wall with this on it, destroy it. This will draw demons to it.

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Hobby Lobby sales this wicked Viking tree art. If I ever get to do a message on Hobby Lobby I will show you how much satanic stuff they sell. They are fronting as a Christian store.

Get rid of pentagram jewelry, wiccan jewelry, Celtic jewelry etc. Jewelry that has things like the sun, moon and stars on it will draw demons. The Celts were pagans as well. One time I received a pair of Celtic heart shaped earrings from the wife of one of Scott's co-workers.

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As God opened my eyes to all of this stuff I got it out of my house.

Get rid of dream catchers, things that are used in witchcraft and superstition will draw demons to your home and life. Get rid of all Halloween, Easter and Christmas decorations. These are all pagan celebrations. Christians have mixed into these pagan feast for centuries but that doesn't make them holy or accepted by God.



These are some of the Halloween decorations I had when I was single and still had after I got married. A pumpkin man and look at the wicked witch I had hanging up beside him. This honors satan. Because these are representations of things belonging to his kingdom, he and the fallen angels will be drawn to them.

Exodus 22:18 - Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.

In Old Testament times, God did not tolerate witches or witchcraft. He wanted His people to be pure and holy and not do as the heathen-pagan nations surrounding them did. Today, we are surrounded by witches but because of The New Covenant and God's grace, we don't kill them. The hope is that they will come and be saved but we certainly do not embrace them. They serve satan and they work with demons. They are possessed by demons and it is never cute or ok to have clothing with witches on them or say things about being a witch like it is

funny or a joke. These things are real and serious and there are consequences for not having understanding of God's Word. Real witches do not want anyone to know they are a witch so they can continue their witchcraft undiscovered and control people and work to ruin their lives.

CLOSING

Deuteronomy 7:26 – Do not bring any detestable objects into your home, for then you will be set apart for destruction just like them. You must utterly detest such things, for they are set apart for destruction.

This passage of Scripture was a warning to Israel not to desire the idols and things from the pagan nations they would conquer in military victory. The idols and ungodly things of the pagan nations were detestable objects that must be set apart for destruction. These things would endanger their complete devotion to God.

Let us learn from this passage to get the sinful, detestable, abominable things out of our homes. God does punish sins of ignorance and He can bring judgement on you for keeping these type of things in your possession. He expects us to grow in the faith and for there to be a difference between us and the world.

PRAYER