

## The Church Must Be Clean

*Scripture reading:* Ephesians 5:25-30

I visited a church one day to preach, and involuntarily ran down to a man and prophesied to him in the name of the Lord. I did not know what I was doing. The man and many other members of the church were taken by sin. They claimed that I wrecked the church. They would never call me. They did not want me to come back there. However, what happened was that the church was sitting down with sin. **If a church sits down with sin, that church is “Babylon.” It is Babylon, because it is taken by every foul demon and devil, and they are living in in comfortably. If the devil comes to church, and he is comfortable with you, then you are in Babylon.**

If you have no discernment, you are not walking with the Lord! God says that in the latter days He will pour out of His Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters will prophesy, and see dreams and visions! To keep a clean church, things must be seen by the church and handled properly or else devils will creep in and make nests all over the place!

So God said, *“This is Babylon”* (because it is taken over), and it has become *“the habitation of devils, the hold of every foul spirit, a cage of every unclean and hateful bird”* (Revelation 18:2). I could write books and tell you stories about devils living in the church. Demonic manifestations! Somebody starts out manifesting in a spirit, and devils take over the whole church! I am talking about a church of God, where people are speaking in tongues. I have seen devils take over a whole church with demonic manifestations from the bishop right down; and they cut short every true manifestation and quench the Spirit of God.

Somebody brought into the church a strange manifestation; they call it *“Mystery.”* The devil takes over—stamping and rhythmic chanting without words—*“mystery of iniquity!”* That must not happen in our midst! God has watchmen (watchchildren, watchwomen), and they must see what is happening in the church; they must be able to speak the word of God, and, of course, to be able to handle it in the right way. We do not want anybody running up to the pulpit and shouting out anybody’s name. That is confusion. That is why we have an eldership. People should go to the eldership and say, *“This is what God has shown me...”* Let them deal with it. God will teach them wisdom; but the Church must be clean. God has spoken in His Word (Ephesians 5:25-30), *“I will have My Church without spot, blemish, or wrinkle or any such thing.”*

I believe that God has shown me the destruction of the church system. I believe that God has shown me the total overthrow of the thing that we call *“church,”* and that God has said to us that we must get out of it.

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*Thought for today:* Let us be the watchmen, see what is happening in the church, and speak the word of God.