

“And he said to me, “Son of man, do you see what they are doing—the utterly detestable things the Israelites are doing here, things that will drive me far from my sanctuary? But you will see things that are even more detestable.”

(Ezekiel 8:6 NIV)

“God then said, “Do you see the terrible sins of the people of Israel? Their sins are making my holy temple unfit as a place to worship me. Yet you will see even worse things than this.”

(Ezekiel 8:6

Contemporary English Version)

God was expressing His sadness and the sorrows of His heart to His prophet Ezekiel in regard to the unfaithfulness of the people toward Him and toward His temple. They were putting idols of many kinds in the house of God and they were worshipping them.

The LORD declared two important things to His prophet:

*1- God had moved far away from His temple as He said, “**they are doing here things that will drive me far from my sanctuary.**”*

*2-The Temple of God becomes a place that unfit to worship the living God as He declared, “**Their***

sins are making my holy temple unfit as a place to worship me.”

Can the church be a place unfit for worship? Yes, that is possible when people they keep idols in their hearts and practice things against the word of God. That will happen when people use the church

1- To gratify themselves with celebration pertaining to their personal lives like birthday parties, marriage anniversaries, etc, and they will boast of what they have and what they can do.

2- A place to court and date the opposite gender and that pave the way for immoralities.

3- A place to promote business, marketing and making up money. And that would lead to impurity and corruption.

4- To vent their uncontrolled feelings of hatred, anger, unforgiveness, revenge, etc. And that would lead to create a hostility atmosphere that will not help others to grow with the pure and perfect love of Christ.

In the life of the church where the above sins are not dealt with, such church will be unfit to do the work of God, to nurture and care for the new souls.

Be aware of your life and how it can affect adversely the life of the church as a place of worship. Correct yourself and do your best to be in the right church and work mutually to edify one another and the church that you are placed in.

My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I repent from the followings sins _____. I realize now the bad effects of such sins in the life of the church and on the life of the new people who are coming to the know you. Lord I commit my life and cause in your hand to perfect me and to make me the person that you want me to be. This is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.

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The Lord Is My Shepherd

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“Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.”

(Romans 14:19)