

Message: The stumbling blocks to prayers

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Hymn: O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder

Proverbs 4:23 KJV Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Jeremiah 17:9-10 KJV The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? [10] I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Ezekiel 14:1-11 KJV Then came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me. [2] And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, [3] Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be enquired of at all by them? [4] Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God ; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the Lord will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols; [5] That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols. [6] Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God ; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations. [7] For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to enquire of him concerning me; I the Lord will answer him by myself: [8] And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I am the Lord. [9] And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the Lord have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel. [10] And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh unto him ; [11] That the house of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither be polluted any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord God.

The scriptures above is telling us that we should remove the idols we have set up in our hearts, get rid of all abominable and fetishism practices that are standing as a stumbling block to our prayers. The Bible went to admonish us to guide our heart jealousy for out of it are the issues of life and also that if we regard iniquity in our hearts that the Lord will not hear us, I'm praying this hour that the Almighty God will break to pieces all hindrances and stumbling blocks to our prayers in the name of Jesus.

Stumbling blocks to prayers are those things buried in our hearts seen only by God that will not allow prayers to be answered or name of Jesus to work for us. Below are some of the Stumbling blocks that we must remove...

- Hypocrisy
- Deceitfulness of heart
- Hatred towards your neighbour
- Unforgiveness
- Anger and bitterness of the heart
- Sexual sin of the heart
- Faithlessness
- Gossip and backbiting
- Lying
- Jealousy
- envy
- Covetousness
- Idol worship
- Calling the names of other gods

- Singing praises to other gods
- Evil thoughts
- Evil imaginations
- Praying with evil intension
- Demons in the heart
- Ungratefulness
- Murmuring

Building blocks for the stumbling blocks

- Wrong teachings
- Visiting ungodly places
- Prayerlessness
- Unbrokenness
- Watching demonic images and pictures
- Wring associations
- Spiritual blindness
- Wrong location

Psalm 66:18 KJV If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me :

Pray purging prayers and shout these with enough is enough,

1. Holy and righteous father I thank you for you are the true and great God accept my thanks in the name of Jesus.
2. Merciful God I'm in your presence pardon all my sins and create in me a new heart in the name of Jesus.
3. Lay your hand of power upon me and fill me with Holy spirit in the name of Jesus.
4. My father in pray thee let me encounter you today in the name of Jesus
5. O lord my father open my spiritual eyes to see you in the name of Jesus.
6. Show me O lord the vision of heaven in the name of Jesus.
7. Anything in me blocking my prayers be destroyed now in the name of Jesus.
8. Purge my heart with your blood and fire of the holy ghost In the name of Jesus.
9. Create in me a new heart O Lord and renew your spirit within me in the name of Jesus.
10. Give me Lord a clean and pure heart in the name of Jesus
11. Iniquities of the heart I overcome you by the blood of Jesus
12. Evil doors allowing demons to enter my heart be shut permanently in the name of Jesus.
13. Habitation of ungodly activities in me be destroyed by fire in the name of Jesus.
14. O lord my father arise and let my enemies scatter in the name of Jesus
15. Anything in me that hate holiness and righteousness be vomited out in the name of Jesus