

The Danger of Emptiness

Matthew 12:43-45

I. The Unclean Spirit Cast Out

- The house swept, cleaned and garnished
- “When he is come, he finds it empty.”

II. The Reasons Some are Living in Emptiness

- They never go on to fullness, never see the necessity of being entirely sanctified, cleansed of self-will and self-seeking, crucified with Christ that they may become a fit dwelling place for the Holy Spirit.
- They may not have had a genuine salvation experience.
- They do not really believe that God can make a difference.
- Others had been filled but stagnated or leaking in their spiritual experience

III. The Fullness of the Spirit

- God does not cast out the evil spirit, have us swept clean and garnished, for us to remain empty.
- Our lives are to become a fit dwelling place for His Holy Spirit.
- God wants every room in the house; log, stock and barrel

IV. The Danger of Emptiness

- “The unclean spirit return with 7 more wicked and the last state of that man was worse than the first.”

V. The Parable of the 5 Wise and 5 Foolish Virgins - Matthew 25:1-13

VI. How to Stay Full of the Spirit – Eph 5:1-20

- Shut the door to the return of the unclean spirit

- Walk in purity of life – Eph 5:3-5
- Maintain Godly fellowship – Eph 5:11
- Walk circumspectly, cautiously – Eph 5:15
- Be continuously filled with the Holy Spirit – Eph 5:18-20