

WHEN THE LORD IS IN THE HOUSE
MARK 2:1-12

Introduction

Vs 1 says that it was **“noised that he (the Lord Jesus) was in the house!”** Whose house this was we are not told. But what a wonderful thing it must have been for these folks to have the **LORD JESUS** in their house!

Those of us who **KNOW** the **LORD JESUS** have the **LORD JESUS** in our house! And just like it was here, **THE LORD’S PRESENCE** needs to be made known so that others can benefit from **HIS PRESENCE** as well!

In this day and time when it seems that our society is trying to **REDEFINE** and **DESTROY** the **FAMILY** unit, we need the **MANIFEST PRESENCE** of **LORD JESUS** in our houses and homes more than ever before!

We need some Daddies who will stand up and be like **JOSHUA** in *Joshua 24:15*–“ . . .as for me and my house, we will serve the **LORD**.”

By the way, the **LORD** is the only **ONE WHO** has the right to **DEFINE** what a true **FAMILY** really is –A Husband and Father, a Wife and Mother, and Children. Also, the **LORD** is the **ONE WHO** defines what our role in the family is supposed to be!

GOD’S WORD tells us **MARRIED MEN** what kind of **HUSBANDS** we are to be: *Ephesians 5:23, 25*–“*23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body... 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*”

Titus 2:2–“ . . .be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.”

GOD’S WORD also tells us **MEN** what kind of **FATHERS** we are to be: *Ephesians 6:4*–“*And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*”

GOD’S WORD tells **WOMEN** what their role as a **WIFE** is to be in the home if they are **MARRIED**:

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Ephesians 5:22-24–“*Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 24Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.*”

GOD’S WORD also addresses a **WOMAN’S** role in the **CHURCH** as well as in the **HOME**: *Titus 2:3-4*–“*3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; 4That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.*”

We see **FAMILIES** crumbling! A lot of that, if not most of it, is because **GOD’S ESTABLISHED ORDER** is being both minimized and ignored! One of the biggest reasons there is **NO PEACE** in so many **HOMES** today is because the **LORD** and the **ADMONITIONS** of **HIS WORD** have been and are continuing to be castigated and shunned!

The **LORD JESUS** should be given **PREEMINENCE** in **ALL THINGS**, including the **HOME**, but often **HE** only receives a **token acknowledgment if any acknowledgment at all!**

If the **LORD** is not being given **HIS PROPER PLACE** in your **LIFE** and **HOME**, then could I tell you that **HE** needs to be **RE-ESTABLISHED** in **BOTH!** We need the **LORD JESUS** in our **HOUSES** and **HOMES!** That is true even if you are **SINGLE!**

We need the LORD JESUS in our CHURCH HOUSES! AMEN!
When you come to **CHURCH** don’t you like to see the **HOUSE OF GOD** full? I know I certainly do!

Now, there are all kinds of worldly things we could do in order to draw a crowd today, but I don’t think the **LORD** would be in it or for it!

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Just because a **HOUSE OF GOD** is full doesn't mean that the **HOUSE** is **FULL OF GOD!**

There is so much being done in the **NAME** of the **LORD** today where **GOD** isn't in it! I don't want to be like that! Do you? I want it to be **REAL!**

When we come together in this **HOUSE** (the **HOUSE OF GOD**), we should be coming together to meet with **JESUS** and those that know **HIM!**

We are to come here to **WORSHIP THE LORD!**

We are to come here to **HEAR HIS WORD** taught and preached!

We are to come here to **GET THE LORD'S DIRECTION!**

We are to come here to **KNOW HIS PRESENCE** and **GAIN STRENGTH FROM HIS PRESENCE** in **HIS CHURCH!**

At least I hope that's why we come!

Matthew 18:20—“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Listen, if the **LORD JESUS** isn't here, then we're here in vain!

We can come together and have a meeting if we want to, but if the **LORD JESUS** doesn't show up, that's all it will be is just a meeting!

I don't know about you, but when I come I want to sense the very **PRESENCE OF THE LORD** in our midst!

I want to know that **HIS HOLY SPIRIT** is here in **POWER!**

I want to see **GOD'S GLORY FILL HIS HOUSE!**

I want to see the **LORD HELP FOLKS** that are here!

I don't want to just come together to have a **CHURCH** meeting!

I want more than to just have a good time with ya'll.

I long to see a mighty moving of the **HOLY SPIRIT** in our midst!

If you are **SAVED** and **RIGHT WITH GOD** then that's what you ought to want too! So I want to preach to you a little bit on this thought:

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I. WHEN THE LORD IS IN THE HOUSE IT WILL BE KNOWN! (Vs 1)

A. Many People Had Already Been Helped By JESUS!

- 1. A Man With An Unclean Spirit. (Mark 1:23-28)**
- 2. Simon Peter's Mother In Law. (Mark 1:29-31)**
- 3. Many Others Who Were Diseased And Possessed. (Mark 1:32-34)**
- 4. A Leper. (Mark 1:39-45)**

B. Some Of Those Who Saw What Was Happening Began To Publish It! (Mark 1:27-28)

JESUS became the talk of the town! There were many folks who began to talk about what **JESUS** was doing!

C. Some Of Those Who Were Helped By JESUS Began To Publish It! (Mark 1:45)

That's called a testimony or witnessing! If **JESUS** has helped us, other folks ought to know about it!

When the **LORD** is in the house it can't help but become known!

II. WHEN THE LORD IS IN THE HOUSE IT DRAWS A CROWD! (Vs 2)

A. Some In The Crowd Were Connected! (Mark 1:36)

The **DISCIPLES** of **JESUS CHRIST** went with **JESUS** wherever **HE** was working! They wanted to be with **JESUS!**

B. Some In The Crowd Were Casual!

Some just came out of curiosity! They didn't really want to get involved with what's going on, but they wanted to see what was going on!

C. Some In The Crowd Were Carried! (Vs 3)

This man could not have gotten to **JESUS** if someone had not cared enough to carry him there! Many people still need someone to care enough for them to bring them to **JESUS!**

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D. Some In The Crowd Were Concerned! (Vs 3-5)

We see here where **four of a kind beat a full house!** And we're not talking about poker!

1. These Men Joined In Their Concern! (Vs 5)
These men accomplished what they did because they were **IN ONE ACCORD!** (*e.g. The Book of Acts*)

2. These Men Were More Concerned About This Man Than They Were About The Effort It Would Take!
It took some **"W-O-R-K!"**

3. These Men Were More Concerned About This Man Than They Were About Their Pride!
They had to humble themselves!

4. These Men Were Concerned In Spite Of Having To Get Their Hands Dirty!

5. These Men Were Concerned In Spite Of The Obstacles They Had To Overcome!
Faith knows how to go around, under, over, and through all obstacles.

Faith says, I might not be able to get through the front door, but I can break rooftop foundations.

No doubt, when they came to the door they had to endure both opposition and criticism!

But they were willing to go up a little higher to get this man to **JESUS!**

When the doors are blocked, we need to just go up a little higher sometimes!

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The criticism probably only intensified when they broke through the roof!

6. These Men Were More Concerned About This Man Than They Were About The Cost!
Don't you know that whoever owned this house would more than likely expect his roof to be repaired.

They had to expect that would happen.
That was going to probably cost them something!

They didn't let anything keep them from getting this man to **JESUS!**

To what extremes will we go in order to get folks to **JESUS?** Thank **GOD** for those that are concerned!

E. Some In The Crowd Were Cantankerous and Critical!
(Vs 6-7)

F. Some In The Crowd Were Convicted! (Vs 8-12)

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WHEN THE LORD IS IN THE HOUSE IT DRAWS A CROWD!

III. WHEN THE LORD IS IN THE HOUSE AMAZING THINGS HAPPEN! (Mark 1:22, 27; 2:12)

You don't have to ask if the **LORD JESUS** is in the house when **HE** is in the house! That's because if **HE** is in the house **HE** will make **HIS PRESENCE** known!

A. There Was Preaching! (Vs 2)
JESUS and **PREACHING** go hand in hand!

B. There Was Power! (Vs 10-11)
The **POWER OF GOD** manifests itself whenever **THE LORD IS IN THE HOUSE!**

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C. There Was Praising! (Vs 12)

They “. . . glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion!”

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DRAWS A CROWD, AMAZING THINGS WILL HAPPEN. . .*

**IV. WHEN THE LORD IS IN THE HOUSE GOD IS THE ONE
THAT GETS THE GLORY! (Vs. 12)**

When a life gets transformed, its not about you or me, but its all about **GOD!**

Conclusion

Is the **LORD** in your house and in your life? Is the **LORD** in **HIS** rightful place in your house and in your life? Is **HE** at the forefront of what is going on? (**i.e. Is HE LORD...calling the shots?**) Or has **HE** been relegated to a closet or to the corner of your life so as not to disrupt what you want for your life? If the **LORD** is in one's house it will make a difference in all that are in the house!

It will affect the Husbands and Fathers, Wives and Mothers, It will affect the Children! It will affect the Guests!

Ask yourself, *“Where do I find myself in this story?”*

- 1. When the LORD is in the house it will be known!**
- 2. What part of this crowd that we saw best represents us?**
 - a. Are we part of the Connected?**
If not, it is time to get connected!
 - b. Are we part of the Casual?**
All the casual observance in the world will do you no good if you don't get connected!
 - c. Are you part of the Carried?**
Has someone cared enough for you to bring you to the **LORD?**

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If they cared that much to get you to the **LORD**, shouldn't you be obedient to the **LORD?**

d. Are we part of the Concerned?

Are we doing our part to bring others to Jesus?
Are we putting forth any effort to get others to Jesus?
Are we willing to lay aside our pride to get folks to Jesus?
Are we willing to get our hands dirty if necessary to get folks to Jesus?
Are we willing to overcome whatever obstacles we are faced with to get folks to Jesus?
Are we willing to bring folks to Jesus even if its going to cost us something?

e. Hopefully we are not part of the Cantankerous or Critical?

It's a whole lot easier to find fault and tear something down than it is to build something!

f. Are you part of the Convicted?

Don't let your pride hold you back from allowing the **LORD** to work in your life today!

3. When the LORD JESUS is in the house amazing things will happen!

4. When the LORD JESUS is in the house GOD will get the glory!