

# Is There Sin in Our Own Heart That We Know Little Of?

by Andrew Murray

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*The sermon warns of the danger of sin in the church and in individual hearts, and calls for a revival of genuine faith and love.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 139:23-24, Ezekiel 8:12, Matthew 7:3-5, 2 Corinthians 13:5, Galatians 5:17, Hebrews 12:1, James 4:4, 1 Peter 4:17, 1 John 1:8-10, Revelation 3:15-16

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## Description

Andrew Murray addresses the hidden sins within the church, emphasizing that many believers may be unaware of the abominations present in their hearts and lives. He draws parallels to the time of Ezekiel, where the people clung to the temple while harboring secret sins, suggesting that today's church may similarly be blind to its own formalities, lukewarmness, and self-seeking behaviors. Murray urges believers to reflect on their inner lives and consider whether their lack of humility, love, and reliance on the Spirit is grieving God. He calls for a self-examination to recognize the need for judgment to begin within the house of God.

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## Transcript

There may be sin in God's sanctuary that men think or know little of. The prophet was shown by God what the men did 'in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagining.' (Ezek 8:12) They still clung to God's house, they called it the temple of Jehovah; they were ready to die for it as the centre and the symbol of their national religion, and yet they defiled it with their abominations. And they never dreamt how near and how terrible God's judgment on them would be.

May it not be thus with the church of our day? May it not be that the formality, and the lukewarmness and worldliness, the self-seeking and pleasure-seeking, which marks the great majority of our professing Christians, are being looked upon by God as 'wicked abominations' in his house, while we have very little conception of their evil?

God led Ezekiel from the outer to the inner court. May it not be that the sins that are found in the hearts and lives of the more earnest and inner circle among Christians, the lack of humility and love, the trust in human wisdom and human support, the neglect of the continual leading of the Spirit and the full imitation of Christ... may it not be that these things are displeasing and grieving God to an extent that we have no

conception of?

Let us ask carefully whether there be not in the church, or in our own heart, much that makes it most needful that judgment begin at the house of God.

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