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[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Muslim]

Buraydah (may Allah be pleased with him) relates in this Hadīth that the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) heard a man inside the mosque asking if anyone had seen his red camel, and that whoever would find it should let him know. The Prophet supplicated against him that he would not find it, or that Allah would not restore it to him (as in another report). He then explained why he supplicated against him, saying that the Houses of Allah were not built for worldly affairs such as asking about lost items or buying and selling; rather, they were built for prayer, the remembrance of Allah, and seeking the Hereafter.

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