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Reciting the Minchah *Tefillah* in a certain synagogue, he noticed someone enter to "snatch a Kedushah." In his haste, he trod on one of the worshippers' polished boots and soiled them. When the service was over, R. Israel turned to the person who had entered in haste and informed him that he was obligated to compensate the worshipper for the damage. Furthermore, however important the recitation of Kedushah might be, it loses all its value if damage or distress is thereby inflicted upon some other person. [46]

[46.] Jacob Mark, op. cit., p. 79.

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