

Series "Behold Your King"
"Cleaning House"
Matthew 21:12-17
Part-91

We need to note that there are two cleansings of the Temple:

1st Cleansing is recorded by John at the beginning of Jesus' ministry: John 2:13-22.

2nd Cleansing in the last week of Jesus' ministry: Matt 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-18; Luke 19:45-48 (In just 3 short years it was in disorder again!)

- 1. Verses 12-13 – Exposure of False Worship**
- 2. Verses 14-17 – Expression of True Worship**

1. Verses 12-13 – Exposure of False Worship:

Mark 11:11,15

Following the Triumphal Entry, Jesus ended up at the temple, not the palace, because His kingdom is not political but spiritual.

Mal. 3:1 Ezek 40-48; Zech 14:20-21

Temple – The temple was divided into 5 different courts.

Pictures of Temple:

1. The Court of the Gentiles –
2. The Court of the Women –
3. The Court of Israel –
4. The Court of the Priests –
5. The Inner Court Sanctuary Holy of Holies –

John 2:13-22

Money changers: Once a year, every Jewish male was required to go to the temple and pay a half-shekel temple tax. (Ex.30:11-14)

Selling Doves: Worshippers were to offer an unblemished animal. (Lev. 1:3)

Lev 5

Rev 6:16 Wrath of the Lamb,

What did Jesus See?

1. Worship that was commercialized – (Money maker)
2. Worship had become corrupt – (Gentile Court was not thought of as holy)
3. Hypocrisy – (Out-word not in-word)
4. Pride – (The religious knew Jesus was right)

Matt 21:13

Is. 56:6-7

Jer 7:11

Acts 20:28

Luke 2:49

1 Kings 8:41-43

“My house shall be called a house of prayer”; literally – “My house will be a house of prayer for Gentiles”

House of prayer was for evangelization:

Mark 11:16

Jer 7:2-4

Jer 7:9-11

Den - was “a cave or hideout where those who were thieves and robbers could go and hide out.”

What does the Temple mean to us today?

1 Cor 6:19-20

2 Cor 6:16

2. Verses 14-17 – Expression of True Worship:

1. True worship is expressed through - Care for the hurting: the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.
2. True worship is expressed through - Instruction: Luke 19:47

Matt 21:15
3. True worship is expressed through – Babes in Christ: Matt 21:16

Psalm 8:2

Matt 21:17

Application:

1. True worship is - Exposure of the sinful: Ask God to reveal all that defiles our hearts.
2. True worship is - Expulsion of the Secular: Worldly standards, fleshly desires, and goals displace the sacred.
3. True worship is - Exclusion of the Secondary: Jesus turned things upside down, and put first things first. Worship is to give worth unto God, who God is; Praise is to thank Him for what He has done.
4. True worship is - Care for the hurting. (Not self-focused)
5. True worship is - Instruction through the Word. (Not how we feel but how we act)
6. True worship is - Modeled through Babes in Christ. (Children come in humility; child-like faith; dependence)