



It's Time to Clean House

John 2:12-17
January 22, 2017

I. The Time of the Cleansing (vv. 12-13)

- A. Setting up ministry headquarters in _____
(Mk. 1:16, 21-29; 2:1-12; Matt. 9:9-13)
- B. Revealing the condition of Jesus' _____
(Mk. 3:31-35; Jn. 7:3-5; Acts 1:13-14)
- C. Moving from the wedding to the _____
(Jn. 2:1-11; 12-17)
- D. Traveling to Jerusalem for the _____
(Ex. 12:23-27; 23:14-17)

II. The Need for the Cleansing (v. 14)

- A. What the temple had _____
(Matt. 21:13; Mk. 11:15-16)
- B. What the temple should have _____
(Ps. 138:2; Ex. 30:13-14; Matt. 11:17)

III. The Method of the Cleansing (v. 15)

- A. This action is _____ and appropriate (Heb. 12:5-6)
- B. This action shows us a side of Christ's _____,
which is usually ignored (Matt. 5:22, 29, 30; 10:34; Rev. 19:11-16)
- C. This action _____ the events of the Second Coming
(Mal. 3:1-3; Zech. 14:20-21)

IV. The Purpose of the Cleansing (v. 16)

- A. To take away the things that _____ worship
(Matt. 6:24; Heb. 12:1)
- B. To bring in the things which _____ worship
(Heb. 12:2; Ps. 24:3-5)

V. The Cause of the Cleansing (v. 17)

- A. The zeal of _____ (Ps. 69:9)
- B. The zeal of _____ (2 Cor. 7:11)
- C. The zeal of _____ (2 Cor. 9:2)

TAKE HOME

- Have you been _____ with holy things?
- Have you been _____ to serve two masters?
- Have you been _____ consumed with a zeal for God?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 2:12. What do you think was significant about the observations made about the condition of Jesus’ family? Discuss this further as you look at Mk. 3:31-35; Jn. 7:3-5; and Acts 1:13-14.

2. Read John 2:13. What was the point made about moving from the wedding to the temple? How is this connected with the Passover? What made this Passover different for Jesus?

3. Read John 2:14. Have you seen this as one cleansing or two? What had the temple become? What should have been happening at the temple? (Ps. 138:2; Ex. 30:13-14; Matt. 11:17)

4. Read John 2:15. Was this action loving? (Heb. 12:5-6) What did you think of the other verses showing another side of Jesus that most people don’t think about (Matt. 5:22, 29, 30; 10:34; Rev. 19:11-16)?

5. Read John 2:16. What are things that distract your worship? What are things that foster your worship? (Matt. 6:24; Heb. 12:1-2; Ps. 24:3-5)

6. Read John 2:17. What is the reason given here for the cleansing of the temple? How do Ps. 69:9; 2 Cor. 7:11; and 2 Cor. 9:2 help us understand the importance of having a holy zeal for God and obeying Him?

7. Read the take home questions. Which one challenged or encouraged you the most? Why? Please discuss with the group.

“Knowing Christ would be idolatry if the element of his wrath and judgment were removed from his person and work.

*Jonathan Edwards’ famous sermon
‘Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God’
needs a companion:
‘Sinners in the Hands of an Angry Christ’.”*

- Mark Jones, *Knowing Christ*