

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

John 2:13-22

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Introduction

Isaiah 1:11-20

1 Samuel 15:21-23

There is no *heart* for God. The sacrifice is made by either rote formality or rank hypocrisy.

Isaiah 66:3

Jeremiah 6:20

Amos 5:21-24

Why is the Lord so vehemently opposed to the sacrifices of His people: *disobedient hypocrisy*.

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“temple” Gk hieron

The temple mount become a place of crass commercialism and corruption.

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This is a clear harbinger of coming judgment.

The greatest acts of courage come to those who are in the right.

The greatest acts of cowardice come from those who know they’re in the wrong.

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“my Father’s house”

Jesus makes Himself equal with God.

John 5:18

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“zeal” Gk zelos; ‘fervent of mind; indignation; jealousy.’

“His disciples remembered”

Psalms 69:9

Psalm 119:139

Christians who zealously, unapologetically defend and proclaim God's Word are considered crazy.

Acts 26:24

Mark 3:20-21

You know you've grown to maturity in your love for God when His reproaches become yours.

Psalm 69:7-8

Jeremiah 15:15

"will consume me" Gk future tense.

Reformation

The Church has replaced the temple as God's dwelling place.

Reforming the Church begins in the hearts of its members.

Conviction will only come through a robust preaching of the Word of God.

This is the beginning of reformation.

1 Peter 4:17

Ephesians 2:19

1 Corinthians 6:19

Jeremiah 7:9-11

Beware the danger of *self-cleansing* and the 'unoccupied' heart.

Matthew 12:43-45; NASU

"The only way to keep the world out of my heart is to have Christ filling it" (Maclaren, 132). To the brim!