

My House

Matthew 21:12-16

Introduction:

- This is where Jesus made His triumphant entry into Jerusalem.
- This is one of the events in the life of Jesus that ALL 4 gospels record. This is significant.
- He was discouraged from going there, but He knew He had to.
- The events that would transpire afterward carry with them special weight. **The events prepared the way for the greatest moment in history the death and resurrection of Christ.**
- One of the first things Jesus did was go into the temple (His House) and take care of a few things.

I. Required Purity

- **V. 12** - Jesus cleaned house.
- Not the first time, **John 2:15** earlier in His ministry. This time different: **Proverbs 20:8**
- Many of us are just like that, we return to the sin. **II Peter 2:20-22**
- Judgement begins with the church. **I Peter 4:17**
- Why? He is coming back for a truly devoted bride.

II. Reclaimed Prayer

- **V. 13** - Jesus reminds the people the temple was a place to seek God, not gold.
- In doing this He said two things:
 1. This is His House: When we come together, He takes personal ownership.
 2. Prayer is the Priority: nothing else will do. Nice building, what about inside.
- God is calling us to prayer.
- Prayer is our life: **Psalm 55:17** (evening, morning, and noon), **I Thessalonians 5:17** (without ceasing.)
- There needs to be a covering of prayer over everything you do. **Philippians 1:19-20**

III. Released Power

- **V. 14** - Those in need came and Jesus healed them. Those previously barred: **II Samuel 5:8**
- When the church is where she needs to be we see two things:
 1. People came: **Acts 2:47**
 2. People were changed: they did not leave the same way they came.
- God wants to display His power more than we want it.
- He is waiting on us.

IV. Restored Praise

- **V. 15-16** - people realized this was God, and God got the praise for it.
- Jesus alluded to children and infants praising for what was going on.
- Even our enemies will recognize it. **Nehemiah 6:16**

Conclusion:

- God is calling His people to purity, prayer, and power. Then others will praise Him.
- Altar call: 1. Salvation, 2. Purity, then 3. Prayer

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12 Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. 13 And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'" 14 Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant 16 and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?"

Proverbs 20:8

A king who sits on the throne of judgment Scatters all evil with his eyes.

II Peter 2:20-22

20 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. 21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. 22 But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."

I Peter 4:17

For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Psalms 55:17

Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice.

I Thessalonians 5:17

pray without ceasing

Philippians 1:19-20

For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.

II Samuel 5:8

Now David said on that day, "Whoever climbs up by way of the water shaft and defeats the Jebusites (the lame and the blind, who are hated by David's soul), he shall be chief and captain." Therefore they say, "The blind and the lame shall not come into the house."

Acts 2:47

...praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Nehemiah 6:16

And it happened, when all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations around us saw these things, that they were very disheartened in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was done by our God.