

REMEMBER WHO'S HOUSE YOU'RE IN!

Based on the command of Christ #35 – “Be a House of Prayer”

John 2:14-16

14. In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.

15. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

16. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"

Matthew 21:12-13

12. Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves.

13. "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a 'den of robbers.' "

First... Jesus was angry because they had turned the Temple into just a business!

Second... Jesus was angry because commerce was being done in a way where the people were being "ripped off" in the process!

Third... Jesus was angry because they turned the Temple into a den of robbers!

Fourth... Jesus was angry because they completely forgot the purpose of the temple was to provide a place where people could find God!

Mk. 11:17 - And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: "'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations' ? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.' "

Is. 56:11 - They are dogs with mighty appetites; they never have enough. They are shepherds who lack understanding; they all turn to their own way, each seeks his own gain.

Acts 4:31 - "And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness."

1. Pray in accordance with God's will!

2. Pray in faith based on God's Word!

3. Pray with a Forgiving Spirit.

Jesus says...

Mt. 6:12-13

- 12. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- 13. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. '

Mt. 6:14-15

- 14. For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
- 15. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Mk. 11:25 - "And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

1 Peter 3:7 - "Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers."

Eph. 4:26-27

- 26. "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,
- 27. and do not give the devil a foothold.

Vs. 27 KJV - Neither give place to the devil.

Temple = (hee-er-on') -a sacred place in a public setting, the entire precincts

House = (oy'-kos) - a dwelling; by implication a family

"This place may be just a public meeting place to you... But this is my Father's home... A place for His family... And you're going to respect it!"

Den = (spay'-lah-yon) - a cavern; a hiding-place, where predatory animals dwell

Instead of acting like children of God... They were acting like animals and not just any animal, but predators... And they were "devouring" the lost through their own selfish purposes and keeping His family from growing!

Paul also uses a word several times translated as "Temple",

1 Cor. 6:19-20

19. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

20. you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

2 Cor. 6:16-18

16. What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

17. "Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."

18. "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Temple = (nah-os') - "a dwelling place".

"Make sure that you never forget HIS purpose for HIS house which means... It's not only how we act in this building on 350 Hwy 165 in Iowa, La. or whatever building people attend a church service in... But how we act AS His Church... His house, His dwelling place, His family ALL the time?"

"And how do we treat those whom He has adopted and wants to adopt into His family?"

"Do we even make HIM feel at home in His own house?"

“And do we welcome even the “gentiles” or “lost ones” to come and dine with the Father so that they can become part of his “Oikos”, His house and His family too?”