

It's House Cleaning Season!

1. It's the time when Kings go off to war...

2 Samuel 11:1 - In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

2. It's the time for Spring cleaning...

Matt. 21:1-11

1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,

2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me.

3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

5 "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, GENTLE and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them.

7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on.

8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Mark 11:11 - Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Matt. 21:12 - Jesus entered the temple courts 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.

John 2:13-17

13 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 In the temple courts he found people 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 courts, 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! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!"

17 His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

Mark 11:15-17

15 On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, 16 and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts.

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.'"

Lk. 16:13-15

10 "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

13 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

14 The Pharisees, WHO LOVED MONEY, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus.

15 He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight.

Mt. 21:13 - "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'.

Mark 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.'"

Gal. 3:27-29

27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor GENTILE, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Rom. 1:16 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the GENTILE.

Rom. 10:13 - for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

1Cor. 12:13 - For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or GENTILES, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Eph 2:8-9

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

You can read about Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5:1-14.

Mt. 21:13 - "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'.

Isaiah 56:7 - these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my HOUSE OF PRAYER. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS."

Jeremiah 7:11 - Has this house, which bears my Name, become A DEN OF ROBBERS to you? But I have been watching! declares the Lord.

1Cor. 3:16-17

16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

Mt. 21:14 - Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

Matt. 9:23-25

23 When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes,

24 he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him.

25 AFTER THE CROWD HAD BEEN PUT OUTSIDE, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up.

Mt. 21:15 - But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant. (mad, beside themselves).

Mt. 21:16 - "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, "'From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise'?"

Mt. 21:17 - And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.

Mt. 23:37-39

37 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I HAVE LONGED to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.
38 Look (open your eyes), YOUR HOUSE IS LEFT TO YOU DESOLATE (dead, lifeless, in a state of bleak and dismal emptiness).

Mt. 23:39 - For I tell you, YOU WILL NOT SEE ME AGAIN until YOU say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Now that's the Pharisees...

But what about YOU?

Are you ready to get your temple cleansed?

It would be much better to let God "CLEAN YOUR HOUSE" now then for Him to have to "CLEAN YOUR CLOCK" later!!!