SERMON NOTES

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SERMON TITLE

Clearing the Courts

TARGET

To learn why Jesus, in this lesson is declaring that the physical temple in Jerusalem and its sacrificial system are obsolete. He used the temple as a metaphor of His own resurrected body as the new, eternal meeting place between God and humanity.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

John 2:13-25 NKJV

ABSORB

Jesus is the ultimate, living Temple of God.

CONCLUSION

"Brothers and sisters, as we leave this place, let us remember that the God we serve does not need our commerce, nor is He impressed by mere religious performance. Just as He drove the money changers out of the temple, Jesus desires to clear the clutter and compromise from the temples of our hearts. He did not entrust Himself to fickle crowds because He knew what was in us—yet, in His fierce, consuming love, He laid down His life on the cross and rebuilt the true Temple in three days. Let us go from here not seeking a convenient faith, but a consecrated one, giving Him our whole hearts as a living sacrifice.

Now, may the zeal of Christ consume us, may His Spirit purify our devotion, and may we worship Him in spirit and in truth, all our days. Amen."

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POINTS

I.The Profanation of the Courts (vs. 13-16)
a. Context
b. Problem
c. Response
II. The Zeal for God's Holiness (Vs. 17, Ref. Psalm 69:9)
a. The Disciples' insight
III. The Promise of a New Temple (vs. 18-22)
    a. The Demand
    b. The Prophecy
IV. The Penetrating Knowledge of Christ
a. False Faith vs. True Belief
b. Jesus knows your heart
c. Jesus is not tricked by schemes