

Sermon Series: TRANSFORMATION

Sermon Title: House Rule #1

Text: John 2:13-17 and Mark 11:15-17

Key Phrase: “My House Shall be a House of Prayer for All Nations”

Introduction:

Jesus confronted the money-changers, people selling animals for the sacrifice in the Temple, and the priests and rulers of the Temple on their sinful activities in the Temple courts. Jesus expressed anger, righteous indignation, as He cleansed the Temple, turned over the market tables, kicked out those abusing others in the Temple, and quoted prophecy from Isaiah 56:7 and Jeremiah 7:11. This message will examine what made Jesus so upset, not once, but twice at the beginning of His ministry and at the end.

Examination.

- a. Why do you think Jesus went to the Temple at these prime moments of His ministry?
- b. What made Jesus so upset with the money-changers and people selling the animals for sacrifice when they were actually supposed to be there fulfilling a need for the people?
- c. Beyond the obvious, what might Jesus have been communicating through the prophetic voices of Isaiah and Jeremiah?
- d. Why do you think no one stopped Jesus from turning the Temple courts upside down?
- e. Why do you think Jesus made a whip out of cords the first time and not the second?
- f. Compare and contrast the meaning of Jesus words “My Father’s House,” “My House,” and filter it through Old Testament (*Old Covenant*) and then New Testament (*New Covenant*) fulfillment.

Application.

1. What happens when God’s people, in His House, together, pray?
 - a. Corporately?
 - b. Individually?
2. What are ways in which God’s people abuse His House today?
3. Understanding you are a Temple of God, what are ways in which you abuse God’s House today?
4. What key truth from these passages stood out to you?
5. What is the Spirit saying to you?
6. What are you going to do?