



Lesson #2 = God's Temple

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sermon by Ray Reynolds on Sunday AM (10-14-12)

TEXT: (Matthew 21:12-16)

Introduction: Last Sunday was a remarkable day as we began a new journey together. We have prayed, and planned, and prepared, and NOW it is time to PROSPER! However, this structure is just a building. The real church is made up of those who will occupy it and use it. In our last lesson together we considered three simple steps to remember the Lord's work and vision for building His church. Today we will see the importance of His temple. When we seek God's vision and build on His dream we can see that sometimes God has to clean house! What can we learn about the temple of God? Let's study together.....

Discussion:

I. Reaction to the Profaning of the Temple

The Old Testament Temple

Matthew 21:12, I Kings 8:10-11, II Chronicles 5:13-14

The New Testament Temple

Acts 2:38, Acts 2:39, Romans 8:1-39

The Zeal For God's Temple

I John 1:5, Ephesians 4:26, I Corinthians 6:19-20

II. Response by the Purging of the Temple

The Whip of Discipline

Matthew 21:12, John 2:15, Hebrews 12:5-8

The Work of Disruption

Matthew 6:33, I Corinthians 6:19-20, Hebrews 12:10-11

The Word of Discernment

Isaiah 56:7, Jeremiah 7:11, Psalm 8:2, Matthew 21:14

III. Realizing the Purpose of the Temple

The Temple is a House of Prayer

Matthew 21:13, I Thessalonians 5:17, Philippians 4:6

The Temple is a House of Power

Matthew 21:14, Matthew 11:11, John 10:41-42

The Temple is a House of Praise

Matthew 21:15-16, Psalm 34:1-3, I Corinthians 6:19-20, Revelation 3:20

Conclusion: God will build His church and He will take control of His temple. What does Jesus need to remove from your life? What are you doing to ensure that your body is a holy temple for the Holy Spirit of God? Are you seeking God's vision and dream for your life? Are you helping to build on the dream for His church? We offer an invitation to you so that you can get on board with God. Let's get right church!

WORD OF THE DAY = "Vision"