

# Children/Student Sunday: A House of Prayer (Matt21:12-17)

## 1. Understanding the Passage

- A. Jesus drives out the greedy, false worshippers – \_\_\_\_\_
1. Those buying/selling/money-changers and customers were desecrating the temple
  2. People bought animals for worship in temple; this took place in court of Gentiles, large place covering a few acres on temple mount
  3. False inspections of animals, made people buy there, and had to exchange money currency
  4. Atmosphere was a “robbers den” – Jesus drove them out w/ a whip!
- B. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the temple for why it was built – \_\_\_\_\_
1. Why is Jesus so angry?! **John2:16-17** – \_\_\_\_\_
  2. People in true worship, *overflow* into prayer, but something else also brought His anger...
- C. People \_\_\_\_\_ by the greedy from coming to Christ (**Matt21:13-15**)
1. Lame and Blind from being healed; children from being saved and becoming worshippers  
\*Remember Jesus' words for those who hinder the children from coming to Him!
  2. Notice result when God's people live life of worship, overflowing in prayer... (**Is56:6-8**).

## 2. What Does This Mean for Us?

- A. Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ the greedy/selfish – what happens when our focus turns inward?
1. Trials, suffering, sickness, finances, family and stuff can slowly turn our gaze to self!
  2. The drift (Heb2:1), the slow fade of wealth (**1Tim6:7-10**)
  3. Jesus will use trials and loss to scourge us, rebuke us, and humble us; so He can bring us back to Him, to a life of worship, evidenced by prayer! **\*Ja1:2-4; Is57:12-13,15-19**
- B. Why does Jesus do this? \_\_\_\_\_ **\*Matt21:13-15! \*Prov11:30; Ps40:1-3**
- C. Your \_\_\_\_\_ a life of worship/prayer – **1Cor6:19; Rom12:1; Jn4:21-24** (each of us the temple!)
1. My house/you a house of prayer –life of worship, revealed by prayer life, intimacy, not duty!
  2. How is your prayer life? Are you content to just be alone w/ God – prayer/Word/singing  
\*Not just reading other people's prayers and words, what is He saying to you?!  
**\*Ps73:25-28; Ja4:6-10 – Hear His promise and return!!!**
- D. This \_\_\_\_\_ a body of worship/prayer – **1Pe2:5!** *\*My house/local church, a house of prayer!*
1. Small churches full of old people...Med. and Big churches focused on methods and decisions  
\*Our time together in worship, *should lead us to the throne of Grace, Jesus!* **Heb4:16**
  2. What do our children and grandchildren see in us? *\*What does our life reveal we worship?!*
- E. Overwhelming the enemy with \_\_\_\_\_ in Central Ohio
1. Little round top, Gettysburg...
  2. God has placed us in a strategic place to reign down prayer upon the enemy to rescue those who are lost, and our children!  
**(Ps126:5-6; Jer33:3)**