

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

A weekly study to strengthen families



It's Time for the Miraculous

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"And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up. Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

JOHN 2:13-19 KJV

We find ourselves returning to the story of Jesus cleansing the temple in this week's devotion. This account has been a familiar passage of Scripture as we have endeavored to restore the church and our bodies, which are temples of the Holy Ghost, to their first and primary calling - a house of prayer. Jesus' cleansing of the temple was done out of a zeal for the house of God, not out of anger. Today, let's look deeper and see what else the Lord is teaching us through this event.

Jesus did not come to destroy the law, but to fulfill it (Matthew 5:17). When he cleansed the temple of the animals awaiting sacrifice and overturned the tables of the money changers, he was disrupting religious practices for which the Mosaic law made provision. However, his coming and subsequent death, burial, and resurrection, would serve to fulfill all the ceremonial traditions in which their worship was steeped. He was effectively announcing that all had a place for a time, but He was bringing them into a new place of worship and a new level of relationship with Him. Jesus ushered in a new dispensation where the old forms of worship were no longer sufficient. After Jesus, everything changed. It was a new time.



Application

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about a tremendous amount of change to the body of Christ and to the ways that we were normally accustomed to having church. Through it all, however, we see the hand of the Lord guiding and directing each step of the way. There is a shift in the Spirit, and we are not going back to the way things once were. Our previous methods and structures were sufficient for a season, but the Spirit is signaling that it's a new day, a new time. If we will follow the Lord's leading through this transition, rather than pine for a return to "normal," we will see the Lord is leading us into a time of great miracles and unprecedented harvest.

Discussion

1. What changes that have been made in the church during the past two months have been the biggest blessing to you and your family?
2. The church is the ekklesia, or "called out ones." What significance does this hold in the context of God brining the church into a new season?
3. How can we prepare ourselves to be a part of what God is doing in this time?

Prayer Focus

Pray that the church would embrace the changes God is working in His body.

Pray that the Lord would use each of us in the prophetic and the gifts of the Spirit.

Pray for God's grace to empower and enable us to be conduits for His Spirit and power in the earth.

Pray for a demonstration of the miraculous in the harvest.