



# CHRIST'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

The Gospel of John: The Deity and Teaching of Jesus Christ

## "Reclaiming Holiness: Lessons from the Temple Cleansing"

John 2:12-22 NKJV

[12] After this He went down to Capernaum, He, His mother, His brothers, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days. [13] Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. [14] And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. [15] When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. [16] And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" [17] Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up." [18] So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?" [19] Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." [20] Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" [21] But He was speaking of the temple of His body. [22] Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

Mark your text:  

Notes:

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Where does this take place?

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When?

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List everyone in these verses.

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"Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up," means:

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### Discussion Questions:

1. Why did Jesus react with such forcefulness in this situation?

What does this reveal about his authority and his views on proper worship?

2. What are some ways you might be prioritizing personal gain over true worship in our lives today?
3. How do we react when we see practices or behaviors that dishonor God in our church and/or our community?
4. How might this passage challenge your own views and practices related to worship and reverence?
5. Why do you think Jesus' actions challenged the religious authorities, and what does this suggest about confronting spiritual complacency and corruption?

## Bible References

### Malachi 3:1-3

"Behold, I send My messenger,  
And he will prepare the way before Me.  
And the Lord, whom you seek,  
Will suddenly come to His temple,  
Even the Messenger of the covenant,  
In whom you delight.  
Behold, He is coming,"  
Says the LORD of hosts.  
<sup>2</sup> "But who can endure the day of His coming?  
And who can stand when He appears?  
For He is like a refiner's fire  
And like launderers' soap.  
<sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver;  
He will purify the sons of Levi,  
And purge them as gold and silver,  
That they may offer to the LORD  
An offering in righteousness.

### Revelation 3:15-16

<sup>15</sup> "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. <sup>16</sup> So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

### Psalms 69:9

Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up,  
And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

### 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.

### John 14:26

<sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.