

The Purified Temple

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John 2.12-25

In this story we see Jesus cleanse the temple in His zeal for the “house of God.” A good question for us to pursue today: Just what *is* the temple, the house of God?

The Pattern House of God

- A temple is designed to be the _____ of God
- The Jewish tabernacle and temple _____ the _____ of God
- Jesus was concerned with the sellers’ _____ toward _____ more than the physical _____
- They were obviously more concerned about _____ than they were about _____

The Perfect House of God

- The Jews and miraculous signs (v. 18; see 1 Corinthians 1.22)
- Jesus offers them the sign for which they seek!
- Jesus mysteriously reveals the perfect temple: _____
- What of today? Through the prophet Isaiah, God describes the house he seeks: one who is _____, _____ in spirit, and who _____ at His _____!
- 1 Corinthians 3.16-17; 6.19: _____ are the temple, both as a _____ and as _____

God’s temple is sacred. And what is that temple? We are! If we would be zealous for the house of God today, it will have much more to do with the purity of our bodies and the purity of the church (the people of God) than anything to do with our buildings. Does zeal for His house consume you?