



Worship that Pleases God

Jesus Clears the Temple

John 2:13-25

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John 2:13-17 ESV

13 The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. 15 And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. 16 And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

Big Idea: Worship that pleases God is found in a gathering of believers whose passion and practice bring glory to Christ.

The severe side of Jesus

Matthew 13:49-50

"This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

You are the Temple of God; it's not the building.

Corporate worship glorifies God the most, not private.

3 Reasons:

1. The more people worshiping in unison, unity, and common purpose, then the more glory to God.
2. Spiritual gifts: All the gifts are represented in corporate worship. Each part brings fullness to the worship of God.
3. Biblical model: The example of heavenly worship in the Bible, especially in Revelation, is corporate worship.

Two enemies of worship: pragmatism and consumerism

The Duke of Wellington: "I'd give more praise."

For next Sunday: Read John 3:1-15

LifeGroup Study Guide

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What was the purpose of the temple?

What was wrong with what the merchandizers were doing in the temple and how was that inconsistent with the temple's purpose?

How did Jesus respond to the misuse of the temple? John 2:14-17

What temple was Jesus referring to in John 2:20-22?

What was the result of the miraculous signs that Jesus performed? John 2:23

Read 1 Cor 3:16-17; 6:18-20; 10:31

Before God dwelt in a temple, He lived in a tent (tabernacle). Jesus described His body as a temple. Now, God has a new temple in which to live. According to Paul, what is that temple?

What is the purpose of this new temple? What difference should this make in our lives regarding our food, drink, exercise, markings/piercings, work, rest, etc.? What are some ways Christians misuse their bodies (temple of God)?

We saw the reaction Jesus had to the misuse of God's temple in John. What reaction do you think He has to the misuse of His current temple?

Since our bodies are the temple of God, what is the value of gathering together with others (the church) for worship? (Acts 2:42-47; Heb 10:22-25)

How should we view and treat the church building, since it is not the temple?