

INSIDE **Purity of Purpose**

MATTHEW 21:12-17

I. Jesus entered the temple to purify its purpose and realign His people.

And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. v. 12

A PLACE SET APART FOR PURE _____ had been overtaken by empty ritual.

He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers." v. 13

A PLACE INTENDED TO DEMONSTRATE PURE _____ was devoid of dependence on God.

And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. v. 14

A PLACE TO OFFER PURE _____ had been tarnished by people seeking self-glory.

But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?" vv. 15-16

II. Jesus enters our lives to purify our hearts and realign us to His purpose.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ... For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17b

ALLOW JESUS TO _____ every area of your heart so you can be healed, healthy and whole.

ALLOW JESUS TO _____ anything that distracts you from focusing on Him.

ALLOW JESUS TO _____ anything that would come between you and Him.





1. Do you think spiritual and commercial activity should always be separate, or can they co-exist? Of what dangers should we be mindful when they come together?

2. Read Matthew 21:12-17. How was the selling and money changing in the temple keeping people from approaching God? How did this prevent Gentiles, who were kept in the outer courts where the commercial transactions happened, from learning about God?

FOR THIS WEEK
SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:
 Matthew 21:13
"It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."
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"God will never hold guiltless those who make it impossible for others to worship him. It can still happen. A spirit of bitterness, a spirit of argument, a spirit of strife can get into a church, which makes worship impossible. Members and office-bearers can become so concerned with their rights and their wrongs, their dignities and their prestiges, their practice and their procedure, that in the end no one can worship God in the atmosphere which is created. Even ministers of God can be more concerned with imposing their ways of doing things on a congregation than with preaching the gospel, and the end is a service with an atmosphere which makes true worship impossible."
 WARREN WIERSBE

JOURNAL Matthew 21:12-17

Read Leviticus 21:18-19. The blind and lame were restricted from full access to temple activities to symbolize the purity that was expected to be displayed in those approaching God. As Jesus heals the blind and the lame, He shows not only His fulfillment of the Old Testament, but His authority to create purity in all those desiring to worship God. What areas of your life that God intends to inhabit are you trying to keep from Him?



DEACON & ELDER ELECTIONS TODAY
 Per the Christ Chapel Constitution, those in our fellowship who have completed the formal membership process should have received a voting link by email on Aug. 26 to affirm the nominations for Elders and Deacons. The results will be announced today at the Annual Meeting in the Sanctuary at the Fort Worth Campus at 1 p.m. All voting must be completed by 12 p.m. today.

3. Only Matthew mentions the healing Jesus performs in the temple after His disruption of the commercial practices there. Why is it significant that He drove out the corruption first, then the healing followed? What does this reveal about Jesus' mission and the character of God?

4. What are some truths which only the simple in heart can see, and which are hidden from the wise? What holds you back from giving the Lord access to your heart so He can transform it into a more child-like state regarding Him?

5. Review the applications under point II on the sermon notes. What do you need to allow Jesus to overturn this week so He can heal?

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.cbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

WOMEN IN THE WORD We all want to walk with Jesus in the right way. Yet how do we live out this desire when we are broken, prone to mess up, tempted to choose wrongly or perhaps even unaware of our mistakes? We need wisdom. We need skills in living. The book of James offers us practical and relevant ways to live faithfully in specific situations, and we would love for you to join us as we discover them together. Living Wisdom, Women in the Word's new series, begins Thursday, Sept. 8. Learn more by visiting cbcfamily.org/women.

BAND OF BROTHERS The book of Genesis is more than stories; it's a history of God's sovereign plan to offer redemption to all of us. How did this cosmic story of salvation begin? Discover the answer with us in Band of Brothers this fall as we jump into a new series, In the Beginning, starting Thursday, Sept. 8. Learn more about times and locations by visiting cbcfamily.org/men.

GROWING STRONG Join Pastor Andy Bowen as he teaches an 11-week guided Bible study on personal spiritual growth. Dig deep into God's Word and discover how to apply Scripture to everyday moments and struggles. Beginning Sunday, Sept. 11 at 10:45 a.m. in The Den. Visit cbcfamily.org/events to register today.

AVENEW Starting Sept. 11 at 5 p.m. join us to discover God's mission for your relationship and learn practical ways to love and honor one another. From dating and engaged couples to newly married, grow in your walk with God and your relationship with one another. Learn more by visiting cbcfamily.org/avenew.

GRIEF SHARE If you have lost a loved one, we are so sorry. Healing starts when people can talk about their grief, meet others who are dealing with similar circumstances and acquire valuable resources that can be used daily. The GriefShare group meets weekly for 10 weeks starting Thursday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. Email AdelaideR@christchapelbc.org to learn more.

SIDE-BY-SIDE If you want to bless young women as they grow in their faith, join us Saturday, Sept. 24 for this Side-by-Side Workshop. Together we'll learn how to practically disciple others, and hear testimonies of women who are mentors and know how to deepen another woman's walk with God. Learn more by visiting cbcfamily.org/events.

SERVE IN KIDS MINISTRY We're excited to offer Kids Ministry classes for hundreds of kids every Sunday, and more volunteers are needed to help us teach them about Jesus! Share the gospel with opportunities for parents and kids alike to grow in their faith on Sunday morning. Learn more by visiting cbcfamily.org/kids.

LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—text CCBCWC to 833-422-7200 to get started.

