

## SERMON NOTES

Isa. 56:6,7; Matt. 21:12,13; Mark 11:15-17; Luke 19:45, 46  
THE TEMPLE: THE PLACE OF PRAYER

I. THE TEMPLE IS INTENDED TO BE A PLACE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
(and worship) FOR ALL WHO WILL COME. Isa. 56:6,7

God, and His House, are open to people of \_\_\_\_\_ nations.

Heb. 10:25 - "Let us not give up meeting together....but let us encourage one another  
- and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

II. IT CAN BECOME A PLACE FILLED WITH \_\_\_\_\_ THINGS  
This buying and selling took place in the Court of the Gentiles - the  
\_\_\_\_\_ place in the temple where Gentiles could \_\_\_\_\_.

NOTE: This is the second time Jesus has had to cleanse the temple - John 2, 3 years  
earlier. You will find that, depending on your stage in life, there are different things  
that can crowd out prayer and worship in your life.

III. ONCE \_\_\_\_\_, IT CAN FULFILL ITS RIGHTFUL  
PURPOSE

A. It has to be the house of \_\_\_\_\_  
"Judgment begins at the house of God" - I Peter 4:17

B. Then it can be the house of prayer - "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord  
will not hear me" - Ps. 66:18

C. And then it becomes the house of \_\_\_\_\_ - Matt. 21:14

IV. \_\_\_\_\_ ARE THE TEMPLE! - I Cor. 3:16,17 - "Don't you  
know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in  
you?.....for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple."

We are to be a "house of prayer". Other things can crowd out prayer and worship  
from our lives. When we are cleansed, we, too, can be a "house" of purity, prayer,  
and \_\_\_\_\_!

