

Come and See: Cleaning House!  
(John 2:13-22)

Jesus Declares War on Self-Service in the Name of God - Jo 2:15-16

- Jesus went looking for faith, what He found was fraud
- Instead of a zeal for God, there was a zeal for self-interest - Jo 2:17

Come and See What Makes God Mad:

...Worship That Is Cheap; Religion Made Easy

- Show up empty-handed - Ex 34:20
  - ...come to consume, not contribute
- Show up with "leftovers" - Mal 1:6-10
  - ...come with gifts that cost nothing - II Sam 24:24

...Worship That Is Utilitarian; Religion That Is Greedy

- "What's in it for me?"
  - ...useful to my purposes; satisfy my appetites
- Religion that exploits, not serves
  - ...preys on others, not prays for them - Lk 19:46
  - ...practices that rob others to satisfy ourselves - Mk 11:17

...Worship That Is Exclusive; Religion That Inhibits the Mission

- Failing to function in the God-given role as a "light to the nations" - Is 49:6; Eph 5:8
  - ...not making room for "outsiders/strangers" - Ro 12:13; I Tim 3:2; Matt 25:35
- Worshipping just to get a blessing, and not to be a blessing - Gen 12:2
  - ...see to it no one is overlooked - Acts 6:1-7

"I Come To Cast Out a Self-serving Spirit" - Jo 2:16

- Whatever defames God will deform us