

### Following the Message

- 1.) Genesis 3:8 shows us that at one time God walked with man in close fellowship and **DESIRED** for us to be in His **PRESENCE**.
- 2.) Because of the **BREACH** in **RELATIONSHIP**, the original meeting place with God (the Garden) is replaced with a Temple/Tabernacle.
- 3.) The "Passover" spoken of in vs 12 was a spectacular event occurring once per year. It represented **BIG BUSINESS** for Jerusalem merchants.
- 4.) vs 14 In the Temple, the Court of Gentiles was filled with merchants who bought **FRANCHISE RIGHTS** to sell sacrificial animals, and also exchanged money into the proper currency used in Temple offerings.
- 5.) vs 14 As a result of all the business taking place, the Temple was **NO** longer an **ENVIRONMENT** where you could seek God's presence.
- 6.) vs 15 When Jesus "overturned the tables", his action was not polite. This is a **PHYSICAL ACTION**. Jesus brought the **EFFORT** to overthrow the tables and literally threw them out of HIS Temple.
- 7.) To Jesus the primary issue has always been what is **OCCUPING** the space which belongs to God. Just like with "the garden", in this passage we see a **CORRUPTION** of the space where God meets with man.
- 8.) Vs 18 When "the Jews" come to Jesus, they are **CHALLENGING** His authority. They want a miracle as proof that He can do what He has done.
- 9.) vs 19 The Jews assume Jesus is speaking of Herod's temple. But John understands He was speaking of His body. This represents a major shift in thinking for followers of God.
- 10.) Jesus reminds us, the **ONLY** place we need to have authority to speak for God is in the **DEATH** and **RESURRECTION OF** Jesus!

### HEBREW AND GREEK WORDS USED TODAY

\***Paniym**, *paw-neem'*; the *face*

**Halak** (haw-lak') primitive root; to *walk* :- (all) along, be conversant,

**Peripateo** – to be occupied with/the same path

### FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

Jesus death rendered the temple obsolete and Jesus resurrection established **a** spiritual temple which is present in His followers.

According to the Bible, if you are a follower of Jesus, you are now a Temple. If Jesus took the defilement of the Temple so seriously, how do you think He feels about the way you and I use our bodies?

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How can you apply the principles of these truths this week?

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Remember, when you act on what you know God wants you to do, *it will cause some division* - Do it anyway!