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It's Time to Cleanse the Temple

In 1 Cor. 6 we read, “ do you not know that you are a temple of the Holy Spirit? You were bought with a price. You are not your own.” In Eph.2 we read, “ In Him the whole building is joined together and continues to rise into a holy temple in the Lord, in Him you are being built together to form a dwelling place of God by the Spirit.”

We are individually a temple of the Holy Spirit and corporately we are the temple of the Holy Spirit. The context in Corinthians is dealing with issues in the church, especially sexual immorality. The context in Ephesians is a positive explanation of the work of God in the church.

Jesus has come to cleanse the temple, individually and corporately, so that the temple, individual and corporate, will be to the praise of His glory.

Jesus went to the temple in Jerusalem (Mark 11). In the court of the Gentiles He encountered the traders, the merchants, the money changers, those who used the temple as a short – cut for their everyday business.

The Pharisees said this was acceptable, so did the Sadducees, so did public opinion, as, of course, did Herod and the Romans. It was all acceptable until Jesus Christ entered the temple.

The space which they had occupied was the space God had allocated for the non-Jews, the gentiles, the rest of the world to come and worship God. The attitudes they emanated were “ We are the chosen ones and there is no room for you”.

I believe Jesus is saying, “ I have come to fill My church, My Temple, with My Spirit and fire.

There are many things, many thoughts, many words, many attitudes, many deeds, many actions which have been accepted which I do not accept. I have come to totally cleanse My Temple so that I can fill My Temple with My Glory.

There are demonic forces of religion, mammon, fear, unbelief, cynicism, jealousy, judgment, offense, sexual immorality, lust, witchcraft, lurking in My temple, but I am clearing them out.

Yield, surrender, repent, cry out, that you would be cleansed so that I can fully fill you with the Glory of My Presence, the Power of My Spirit, the purity of My fire. As I fill My Temple, I have

compassion on the lost, the wounded, the poor, the downtrodden, the oppressed. There is room in My Temple for all.

I cleanse My Temple so that multitudes can come to Me and be saved. I cleanse My Temple so that worship will rise from multitudes. I cleanse My Temple that My Name will be glorified in you.