

## **THE RESTORATION OF THE TEMPLE**

### **MATTHEW 21: 12-21**

Introduction:

For a brief moment in time the temple was restored to its original purpose.

Instead of being a place used for the selfish purposes of religious leaders, it truly became the House of God.

This word is instructive for us since the church is the temple of God. God's intention for the church parallels His purpose for the temple. We can learn from the Lord of the temple what God intends for His church, His temple.

The Lord of the church still works to restore His house. He will usually use acts of judgment in the process. But let us learn just what He intends for the temple. What is His purpose for the temple? Just note the times that Matthew uses the term "in the temple" and you will begin to see the purpose the Lord has for His house.

- I. HE MAKES IT A HOUSE OF PRAYER.
- II. HE MAKES IT A PLACE OF HEALING.
- III. HE MAKES IT A PLACE OF PRAISE AND JOY.