

# LORDSHIP

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And he was teaching them and saying to them, “is it not written, My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations? But you have made it a den of robbers.”

—Mark 11:17

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Have you ever watched the show, Hoarders? Or maybe you know someone who is not at that level but just has a hard time parting with things. Maybe you just walked into your child’s bedroom, or your garage... augh. The result of years of gathering things, that for one reason or another, are deemed to have value or are important, so much so that you can end up with rooms filled with boxes of treasures from floor to ceiling.

A couple of things begin to happen, first you may forget what you have or where it got put. Second, the intended use of that room in your house or garage gets diminished or no longer can facilitate what it was meant to do.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem the week before He was to be crucified throngs of people welcomed Him yelling their heads off with “hosanna”. Large crowds can be a bit of a problem, especially if they believed this was their liberation from Rome. Entering the temple and drove out the merchants and animals they sold. They had cluttered the outer court of the temple like a city-wide yard sale, which was the only place where Gentiles, non-Jews, could gather to worship the God of Abraham.

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They had forgotten what the intended use of the temple was for, a house of prayer for all nations (Isaiah 56:7, Zechariah 14:21).

This event has been called “the cleansing of the temple”, and that is true to a point. But the real cleansing would not come till the end of the week when Jesus would be crucified to cleanse those who come to Him in penitent faith.

When Jesus cleans, He does not just clean around the edges of our life so that we can manage our lives better. It is an intervention and invasion removing all the sinful boxes of clutter that damage our lives, so that we can accomplish our intended purpose, to worship Him.

Look up and read a couple of the following passages: John 2:21; Romans 14:7; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20. What should we remember about what our bodies truly are? How should that affect your thinking about what you are?

In what ways has His removal of your sinful clutter made room for you to be a meeting place for Him?

Meet with Him today in prayer and if there is clutter remaining, confess it and ask Him to remove it from your life. He will do it because of His great love for you.