







“...It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves”

Matthew 21:13.

Jesus said, “My house...”

- He was very specific about this place call temple or church.
- The church belongs to God, and God alone.
- Why do we call the church as “the house of God”?
 - Jesus is the One who build the church (Matt. 16:18).
 - Jesus is the head of the church (Eph. 5:23).
 - Jesus dwells in His church.

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Jesus said, “...shall be called the house of prayer...”

- What does “**the house of prayer**” mean?
- What is a definition of **house**?
- A house is a **place of habitation**.
- The house of God is a **place where God inhabits or dwells**.

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Jesus said, "...shall be called the house of prayer..."

- What is a definition of **prayer**?
- Prayer is a **communication between God and His people**, which includes:
 - **Prayers,**
 - **Spiritual songs,**
 - **Tithes and offerings,** and
 - **The preaching of the Word of God.**

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Jesus said, "... but ye have made it a den of thieves."

- A thief is a person who steals another person's property or belonging.
- A thief steals someone's possession in the presence of that person.
- Can a Christian become a thief in the house of God?
- YES!

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Jesus said, "... but ye have made it a den of thieves."

- "They who are placed in the Church of Christ to serve souls, and do it not, and they who enjoy the revenues of the church, and neglect the service of it, are thieves and robbers in more sense than one." Adam Clarke

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