The Cleansing of the Heart John 2:13-25

Background

- •God is a jealous God
- •Jesus is God
- •Jesus is upset with the condition of the temple of God
- •Our heart is the new temple of God

God is a Jealous God

"For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God" Deuteronomy 4:24

Jesus is God

"I and the Father are One." John 10:30

Jesus is Upset with the Condition of the Temple of God "[13] The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. [14] In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting there. [15] And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables." John 2:13-15

Our Heart is the New Temple of God

"[16] Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? [17] If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple." 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Two Problems for God Honoring Worship

• Easy Believism

• Distractions

Two ways we can know our worship is honoring to God

• Costs you something

• Free of distractions

Questions to Consider

•What has your faith cost you?

•What distractions are in the way of giving God the most honor today?