

House of God

Matthew 21:12

The Temple

- Symbol of God's Presence
- Place of Worship

Prayer

- Jesus entered the temple area
 - drove out all who were buying and selling
- He overturned the tables of the money changers
 - and the benches of those selling doves

Prayer

- Leviticus 5
 - guilty - confess and make sin offering of a lamb or goat
 - if he cannot afford
 - he is to bring two doves or two pigeons
 - he is to bring...fine flour

Prayer

- My house will be called a house of prayer
 - you are making it a 'den of robbers'

Prayer

- God's house is primarily a place of prayer and communion with him.

Restoration

- The blind and the lame came to him at the temple
 - he healed them

Restoration

- saw the wonderful things he did

Restoration

- Hosea 6:6
 - I desire mercy, not sacrifice
 - and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings

Restoration

- God's house is a place of mercy and restoration.

Praise

- children shouting in the temple area
 - Hosanna to the Son of David.

Praise

- the chief priests...were indignant
- Do you hear what these children are saying?

Praise

- Yes, have you never read:
 - From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise?

Praise

- God's house is a place of praise for the wonderful things he does.

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- The Most High does not live in houses made by men...
- Acts 7:48

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- Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple
 - and that God's Spirit lives in you?
- 1 Cor. 3:16

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- you also like living stones are being built into a spiritual house
 - 1 Peter 2:5

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- God dwells among his people.
- We are called to be a community marked by:
 - Prayer
 - Restoration
 - Praise