



## HAVE REVERENCE FOR GOD

*John 2:13-25*

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As we continue reading John's narrative of Jesus' ministry in chapter 2, the Bible tells us just a few days ago that Jesus was so gracious in blessing a married couple at the wedding feast and revealed His character to His new disciples so they would believe in Him. Now, we see Jesus, a devout Jewish man going to the Jerusalem temple to also display His deity as God, but not everyone will understand.

### **John 2:13-25**

*"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. **16** And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' **17** His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' **18** So the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' **19** Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' **20** The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' **21** But he was speaking about the temple of his body. **22** When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. **23** Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. **24** But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people **25** and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man."*

### **1. True Believers have REVERENCE for God's HOLINESS. (v 13-17)**

- Religion had become MINDLESS and MATERIALISTIC.
- They sacrificed the PURITY of God for the PLEASURES of the world.

*"For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me." **Psalm 69:9***

### **2. True Believers have UNDERSTANDING for God's MISSION. (v 18-22)**

*"Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. **2** But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is*

like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. **3** He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord." **Malachi 3:1-3**

- Only God has the RIGHT to give life and to REQUIRE reverent worship.
- Those who RECEIVE Jesus are led to the Full UNDERSTANDING of God's Mission.

### 3. God **KNOWS** the **HEARTS** of Men. (v 23-25)

#### **Salvation through Jesus Christ**

The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.