

SCCC – LET THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN

S - Scriptures

“Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money-changers and the benches of those selling doves.” Matthew 21: 12

C – Consideration

Jesus entered the city seated on a donkey, and a very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted, Hosanna to the Son of David! “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” He made his way directly to the Temple as His last visit to it, as in the next few days He would die on the cross. Since His young age, He regularly had attended and visited it. But, in this event, He rebuked and expelled from the temple courts (the first court everybody was allowed to go, even foreigners) a forbidden business established with the approval of corrupted religious leaders. He said to them, “It is written,” “My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’”

C – Commitment

As soon as Jesus removed and cleansed the area dominated by the thieves, two things happened. The first one, “The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and He healed them.” And, the second one “...the children shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” The evil crowd with their action inside that area of the Temple prevented the needy to get in and be healed and the children to adore God. What does this story have to do with me? When I became a Christian, my heart became God’s temple. Like Jerusalem’s Temple, if I don’t watch it, thieves like greed, and indifference, eventually will take the place of mercy, love, and compassion and will hinder me to fulfill the two great commandments, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

C – Call

Lord, as You had cleaned the Temple, expelling the thieves from there, search my heart, and show me any place in it where there might be robbers. Help me see if I am allowing robbers in me, and through repentance and confession, I would let You remove such evil from my heart. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.