

Cursing and Clearing

Mark 11:11-25

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Malachi 3:1-3

I. Cursing the Fig Tree (vs. 12-14, 20-21)

The fig tree in leaf gave promise of fruit but produced none.

A fruit tree without fruit is completely worthless.

Do we have the outward appearance of the Christian life but
lack the fruit of the Christian life?

Hosea 9:10,16

II. Clearing the Temple (vs. 15-19)

temple courts

buying and selling

money changers

house of prayer

Isaiah 56:7

By clearing them out, Jesus was literally and symbolically
providing a place for Gentiles in the temple of God.

den of thieves

Jeremiah 7:11

Jeremiah 7: 12-15

III. Words on Faith and Prayer (vs. 22-25)

Matthew 21:20-21

2 obstacles to effective prayer:

A. Lack of faith (vs. 22-24)

B. Lack of forgiveness (vs. 25)

We are never to place religious duty or
ministry ahead of good relationships
with people.

The forgiven heart will forgive others.