

## The Cleansing of The Temple

*12 And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves.*

*13 And He said to them, "It is written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER'; but you are making it a ROBBERS' DEN." Matt 21:12-13*

**1. The King deals with the nation's number one problem: POLLUTED WORSHIP.**

**A. God does not need WORSHIP, nor VALIDATION.**

**2. The Temple was all about GOD and drawing near to Him in HUMILITY.**

**A. Worship is an ENCOUNTER with the living God.**

**3. The Temple had degenerated into a MARKETPLACE of greed and extortion.**

**A. Worship is not about "ME".**

**4. Without warning and without resistance, Jesus brought FEAR and SUBMISSION to everyone.**

**5. In a few short days, Jesus would submit Himself to CRUCIFIXION.**

**6. Communion is a REMEMBRANCE of His death.**