

Bible Study Thoughts 10/11/17

Mark 11:12-14

The Fig Tree Withered

Jesus spoke to the tree to make sure the disciples heard it.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

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People came to the Temple to learn about God and they could not because church folk were transacting business in the church. God does not want any business conducted in His house, other than His.

Jesus was angry and He did not sin. We can have a righteous indignation.

A lot of times we get angry for selfish reasons.

We are so busy at getting angry at so many things we don't have time to get angry over the things that God gets angry about.

Jesus did not like the money changers. We should come prepared to give, purposing in our heart what to give.

The Lesson of the Withered Fig Tree

v. 20-23

Jesus cursed the tree to the root. The tree died at the root. The Word goes to the root of our condition. The heart of the matter.

The problems we need solved must be dealt with from the root. The problem is not that don't have enough money, it is that we don't manage the money we have.

Some of us believe we have an anger problem when the real problem, the root of the matter, is pride.

If God knows we are prideful, He will make sure people will not call out name.

Jesus gets to the root, the heart of the matter, so He could give us a real solution.

Jesus told His disciples, have faith in God. We can have faith in lots of things, including faith in our faith, but we must have faith in God.

If we have faith in the giver, then our faith will work even when the giver does not give. Job had faith in the given when everything was taken away.

We think we believe God until He does not give us what we wanted.

I don't have to be anything in God's eyes, except a "whosoever."

We need to speak over our life what we want our life to look like.

We have to read everything in context.

We can pray for whatever we want, but it will only be answered if we pray according to the will and way of God.

For further study,

Why do things happen when we pray for them not to? We ask God and we don't get it, why?

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