

## STUDIES FROM THE DESIRE OF AGES

### Chapter LXV (65) “*The Temple Cleansed Again*”

- A. The leaders of the temple multiplied sacrifices in order to bring increased riches to themselves. What impact should these sacrifices have had in people’s lives?
- B. The religious leaders in Jerusalem had lost the respect of the people. What caused this loss of respect?
- C. When Jesus came to cleanse the temple the second time, “the condition of things was even worse than before.” Why is it that when people fall back into sin they tend to fall deeper than before?
- D. “It was not Christ’s purpose to humiliate His opponents.” Why did Jesus not seek to humiliate those who were trying hard to trap Him?

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- 1. How was the outer court of the temple described?
- 2. What was the reason the blood was shed? How much of a ritual had the sacrificial system become?
- 3. If Jesus knew that the act of reforming the priesthood would be in vain, why did He do it?
- 4. The temple rulers had determined to never run again. What happened to that resolve?
- 5. Those who ran gave a report to those approaching. How bad was that report?
- 6. The men who ran must have pinned up their cattle and sheep and then returned. How was the description of the temple different from what was earlier described?
- 7. They made a decision to never ask for a sign from Jesus again. Why?
- 8. Why did Jesus ask them about the baptism of John? What is the connection to Jesus’ authority?
- 9. Describe the physical appearance of Jesus and the leaders? How were their faces different? What purpose drove Jesus in contrast to their desire to humiliate Him?
- 10. Who did the two sons in the parable represent? How does this relate to the experience of every sinner?
- 11. What did the different parts of the vineyard parable represent? How does this relate to the experience of every sinner?
- 12. Personal views: List a favorite section or some new thought from this reading.