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## Mark 11:15-18

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# Jeremiah 7:1-8

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup> “Stand at the gate of the LORD’s house and there proclaim this message: “Hear the word of the LORD, all you people of Judah who come through these gates to worship the LORD. <sup>3</sup> This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Reform your ways and your actions, and I will let you live in this place. <sup>4</sup> Do not trust in deceptive words and say, “This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD!” <sup>5</sup> If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, <sup>6</sup> if you do not oppress the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm, <sup>7</sup> then I will let you live in this place” says the Lord, “in the land I gave your ancestors for ever and ever. <sup>8</sup> But look, you are trusting in deceptive words that are worthless.”

## Jeremiah 7:9-11

<sup>9</sup>. “Will you steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, burn incense to Baal and follow other gods you have not known, <sup>10</sup> and then come and stand before me in this house, which bears my Name, and say, “We are safe” — safe to do all these detestable things? <sup>11</sup> Has this house, which bears my Name, become a *den of robbers* to you? But I have been watching! declares the LORD.

## Isaiah 56:4-8

<sup>4</sup> For this is what the LORD says: *“To all those formerly excluded from the Temple who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me and hold fast to my covenant—<sup>5</sup> to them I will give within my temple and its walls, a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that will endure forever.*”

## Isaiah 56:4-8

<sup>6</sup> *And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant—  
<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; **for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.**”*

<sup>8</sup> The Sovereign LORD declares — he who gathers the exiles of Israel:  
*“I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered.”*



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