

March 25th

"Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth." (1Pet.2.22).

In Mark 11:11 we have the account of the fifth visit of the Lord Jesus to Bethany. After He had seen the condition of the temple, our Lord came back to Bethany (v.11). That day He had seen what was happening in Jerusalem in the temple. Before He could pour out His wrath upon them He turned back to Bethany perhaps to share His burden with those there. As in Genesis 18:17-22 God appeared to Abraham before He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, saying, "How can I hide this great secret from my servant Abraham, because he is My friend."

At Jerusalem He had seen with His own eyes what was happening in the temple (Mark 11:17). He had openly said that it had become a den of thieves. Such was the condition of the city. As we begin to grow spiritually, we begin to know what it means to have partnership with the Lord. As was the condition of the people in the day of Malachi 1:6,7 so it was then, and as the Lord Jesus went about with His disciples, He could see the priests offering polluted sacrifices (V.8).

The Lord Jesus was found without sin, for He had no sin. He was perfectly blameless in thought, word and deed. To foreshow His moral perfection, the people had to offer an animal without blemish, and the priest was supposed to examine the animal before it was sacrificed. Otherwise there was no value in the sacrifice. God was foreshowing how for their own salvation somebody had to be offered on their behalf without blemish.

Today's calendar Bible verse:

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Proverbs 1:7.