

LUKE Lesson 29

Jesus' Power Over Devils (Luke 11:14-26)

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The Enemy

1. Jesus cast out “a devil” (vs 14), called an “unclean spirit” (vs 24). It is never referred to as a demon in the Bible. The word “demon,” found in new translations, is an untranslated Greek word (*daimónion*), which is a neuter word (neither good or bad). The Authorized KJV translated the word to “devil” so that you would know that this is an evil spirit and not a good one.
 2. Devils have the power to either afflict the whole man (Mk 5:5) or just part of a man (as here in vs 14).
 3. They cause human ailments that can't be treated by medical doctors, but only by spiritual intervention.
 4. They cause people to harm themselves. This goes against human nature (Eph 5:29).
 - a. Devils encourage people to engage in dangerous activities that will make them sick or kill them.
 - i. Smoking, drinking, fornicating promiscuously, prostitution, drug use/addiction, crime.
 5. Achieving reformation in your life (vs 24) through various manmade programs or by your own self-will can make you more vulnerable to greater spiritual affliction (vs 26).
 - a. If you get “cleaned up” by quitting a harmful habit, you've left an empty place that must be filled with something. If you don't fill it with the Holy Spirit, you're in danger; something more harmful than the original habit is going to fill that void.
 - b. “New Age” religion encourages you to “empty your mind.” This is dangerous; you are willingly creating a space in your “house” (your body, vs 24) for an unclean spirit.
 - c. Make sure that you are filled with the things of God (Eph 5:18, Php 4:8, Ps 119:11).
 6. You can't fight evil spirits physically. You have to pray and fast (Mk 9:29).
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The Victor, Jesus Christ

1. Wrongly accused of being in league with Satan (vs 15), the Lord reminded his accusers of a well-known principle: Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation. If He were a supporter of Satan's kingdom, He wouldn't be casting out devils.
2. Jesus pointed out the hypocrisy of His accusers (vs 19).
3. Jesus casted out devils with the finger of God (vs. 20). He claimed to be God in this statement. His power is greater than Satan's power.

4. Satan is the “strong man” (vs 21), but Jesus is “a stronger than he” (vs 22). He spoiled Satan’s kingdom at the cross of Calvary (Colossians 2:13-15). To spoil means to take all the enemy’s possessions.
 - a. Jesus took Satan’s great weapons: the fear of death and Hell.
 - b. If you’re a born-again child of God, Satan has no advantage over you unless you give it to him.
 - c. Jesus has all the power now (Mt 28:18). That means Satan has none!
 - i. Satan can only affect your life if you let him (Rom 6:16). You’ve got to resist him (James 4:7), stand against him with the whole armour of God (Eph 6:11), and not give him place in your life (Eph 4:27).
 - ii. Jesus is the greatest (1 Jn 4:4), but are you yielding to Him or are you yielding to Satan? Who is on the throne of your life? To whom have you given control?

 5. We need to fight in the same Battle that the Lord Jesus is fighting (vs 23). He’s fighting Satan and gathering souls for His kingdom.
 - a. If we’re fighting each other, we’re just doing damage to the Lord’s church.
 - b. Believers need to be united against the devil without compromising the truths of the Bible.
 - c. If you stay busy in the battle, winning souls and discipling new believers, you won’t have time to fight or complain about the brethren. Don’t be found guilty of scattering the believers; it certainly isn’t attractive to the unsaved men and women who are watching you.
 - d. You must make up your mind to stand with Jesus. His battle is against Satan. If you don’t take that stand, you’re against the Lord.
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The Power of the Finger of God (vs 20)

1. I am a living part of the Lord’s hand (John 10:28, 29), upheld by his hand (Ps 18:35, 37:24), and sheltered by His wings (Ps 57:1).
 2. Exodus 8:19. The power of God’s finger over His **natural creation** was demonstrated in Egypt.
 3. Deuteronomy 9:9-10. God showed by His finger His power over **mankind** when He gave the Law.
 4. Daniel 5:5-28. By God’s finger, great **rulers of nations** are controlled.
 5. I’m in the hand that wields that powerful finger! I’m safe and secure from all alarms! (Rom 8:38-39).
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