

Luke 11:14-26 A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF 2/19/12

Key Idea: *Since the Garden of Eden there has been a great struggle between two kingdoms, such that human beings either are freed to enjoy life in the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ or they remain bound, gagged and tormented by that old Deceiver, Satan himself. There is no Middle Kingdom between the two.*

I. A VERBAL MIRACLE: THE RESTORATION OF SPEECH (11:14)

- A. Mankind was given language so that the creature _____
- B. Satan wants to _____ us from God and from one another, but Jesus _____ a man's mouth and puts a _____ (Ps. 40:3; 51:15)

II. THE ANTAGONISTS AND THE SKEPTICS (11:15-16)

- A. In this miracle the emphasis is on its witnesses' _____ and not the _____ itself.
- B. There are two _____ of _____:
 - The Antagonists: _____
 - The Skeptics: _____
- C. Both assume the _____ of Jesus' miracle, but question his _____ and _____
Application: Some modern counterparts: _____

III. JESUS' RESPONSE: THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID (11:17-23)

- A. Jesus first tests his opponent's _____ (17-18)

- B. Jesus next tests his opponent's _____ (19)

- C. To both opponents, Jesus offers a _____ explanation: The casting out of demons
 - 1. Is done by the _____ or _____ of God (Ex. 8:19)
 - 2. It is proof that the Kingdom was being established _____ and not at some later date. (20b)
- D. The Parable of the Strong Man is a picture of God's _____ on _____ kingdom.
 - 1. Who is the "strong man"? _____ And the Stronger Man? _____
 - 2. The strong man is not being _____ but _____ & plundered as in war.
 - 3. What are the strong man's goods? _____
 - 4. No one can _____ from the strong man; they have to be _____ (21)
- E. Jesus' own application from the Parable of the Strong Man is that it is impossible _____ to take _____ in this conflict (23)
 - 1. Jesus is hardly _____ his own remarks in Luke 9:49, 50 (rather he is reinforcing them)
 - 2. Neither _____ now nor the _____ of Israel at that time could be neutral.

Application: Whose side are _____?

IV. FILLING A SPIRITUAL VACUUM: AN UNCLEAN SWEEP (11:24-26)

- A. To reinforce the point, Jesus gives us a behind-the-scenes-view of _____
- B. Jesus' points:
 - (1) There is no middle _____ between His Kingdom and that of Satan.
 - (2) Moralistic clean-up campaigns are _____ to _____ (v.25)
 - (3) In God's universe there are no spiritual _____ (v. 26). If you are not indwelt by the _____ then eventually you will be indwelt by the _____

Application: What's your filling? _____