

Seek wholeheartedly after Jesus in the power of His Kingdom, as those who are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 11:14-26 - The Powerful Kingdom

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Introductory Thoughts

1. Jesus' power is even over the demonic forces.

¹⁴Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled.

¹⁵But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,"

¹⁶while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven.

2. Jesus' power reveals: The Kingdom has come!

¹⁷But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls.

¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul.

¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.

²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

3. Jesus' Kingdom demands wholehearted allegiance. [Hint: There is nowhere such a thing as "neutrality"!]

²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe;

²²but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.

²³Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

4. Jesus' Kingdom takes up residence by the Holy Spirit, not self-help!

²⁴"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'

²⁵And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order.

²⁶Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."