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**Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew**

**Message 76. My Mother and Brothers – Matthew 12:43-50**

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Intro: Jesus continues to respond to the Pharisees and their accusation that He was casting our demons by the power of the devil. If He was, then there was nothing to replace the demon except self-righteousness and moralism. If this was the case, the demon possessed man was going to end up in worse shape than before. A temporary reformation cannot free one from sins power.

- I. The Morass of Moralism – vs. 43-45
  - A. Temporary Reformation
    1. Clean, but still not good – Rom. 14:23
    2. Empty – not filled with the Holy Spirit – Eph. 1:13-14; 5:18; John 16:5-15; 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19
  - B. Self-Righteousness – Matt. 9:13 – MacArthur Quote
    1. Religious Restraint
      - a. Fueled by pride – Luke 18:11
      - b. Fueled by anger – James 1:19-20
    2. Not submitted to the righteousness of God – Rom. 10:2-5
    3. Deceived – 2 Cor. 11:14-15
  - C. The Latter End is Worse – 2 Peter 2:20-22
    1. Entangled and overcome – 1 Cor. 10:13
    2. Our nature must be changed (dog/pig) – 2 Cor. 5:17
- II. Identifying Your Family – vs. 46-50
  - A. Mary and Brothers to the Rescue (vs. 46-47)
    1. He is out of His mind – Mark 3:21
    2. Brothers did not yet believe – John 7:5; Acts 1:12-14
      - a. James – later head of the church at Jerusalem, wrote James
      - b. Joseph (Jr)
      - c. Simon
      - d. Judas (Jude) – wrote Jude
    3. Crowd prevented access
  - B. Who is My Family? (vs. 48-50)
    1. He who does My Father’s will – John 6:29
    2. Loving the Brethren – 1 John 3:1, 10-15; 5:2-3
    3. Laying down life for the Brethren – 1 John 3:16-24
  - C. Members of One Another – 1 Cor. 12:12-20
    1. More than Family – a Body!
    2. Amputated members are not part of the Body – 1 John 2:19; Matt. 18:15-20
    3. Don’t forsake the Body – Heb. 10:23-25

**Quotes**

MacArthur – “It is much easier to reach someone who is overwhelmed with a true sense of his sin than someone who is overwhelmed with a false sense of his righteousness.”

## **Cross References**

### **Romans 14:23**

23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

### **Ephesians 1:13-14**

13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

### **Ephesians 5:18**

18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

### **John 16:5-15**

5 “But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

### **1 Corinthians 3:16**

16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

### **Matthew 9:13**

13 But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

### **Luke 18:11**

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

### **James 1:19-20**

19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; 20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

### **Romans 10:2-5**

2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. 5

For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, “The man who does those things shall live by them.”

### **2 Corinthians 11:14-15**

14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

### **2 Peter 2:20-22**

20 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. 21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. 22 But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: “A dog returns to his own vomit,” and, “a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.”

### **1 Corinthians 10:13**

13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

### **2 Corinthians 5:17**

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

### **Mark 3:21**

21 But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, “He is out of His mind.”

### **John 7:5**

5 For even His brothers did not believe in Him.

### **Acts 1:12-14**

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey. 13 And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. 14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

### **John 6:29**

29 Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

### **1 John 3:1**

3 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

### **1 John 3:10-15**

10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. 11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, 12 not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. 13 Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. 15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

### **1 John 5:2-3**

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

### **1 John 3:16-24**

16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. 19 And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. 20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. 22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. 23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. 24 Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

### **1 Corinthians 12:12-20**

12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. 14 For in fact the body is not one member but many. 15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? 18 But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. 19 And if they were all one member, where would the body be? 20 But now indeed there are many members, yet one body.

### **1 John 2:19**

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

### **Matthew 18:15-20**

15 "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' 17 And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. 18 "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever

you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 “Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

**Hebrews 10:23-25**

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.