



Title: More Oppositions to the King (part 5) – This Wicked Generation (extra notes)

Text: Matt. 12:43-45

43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. 44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. 45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

Introduction:

1. The Unclean Spirit Realm (*ang Kaharian ng mga Maruruming mga Espiritu*) – the Lord Jesus opens to us the unseen realm of the unclean spirits as they took over Israel and made them worst than before (vv.43-45).
2. Matthews passage (Ch. 12:43-45) deals with judgment – Israel will be judged because they rejected their Messiah.
3. Paul reveals to the New Testament believers the realm of spiritual enemies in Eph. 6:12.
 - Principalities, powers, rulers, and spiritual wickedness in high places.
 - the highest ranking unclean spirit is Lucifer (Satan and Devil are his most prominent titles). Lucifer – Shining One, Bright One, or Light Bearer (Isa. 14:12).; Satan (Opponent, Enemy, or Adversary, Job 1:6); Devil (Accuser, Slanderer, Matt. 4:1)
4. There are two types of Angels – human (the pastor; Rev. 1-3) and Heavenly (Good and Evil). There are two kinds of Evil Angels – Chained (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6) and Unchained – these are devils/demons who are carrying out the will of Satan, their master (Matt. 25:41).
5. The Named Angels of the Bible: 2 Good Angels are named (Michael, Jude 9, Dan. 10:13; and Gabriel (Dan. 8:16; 9:21; Lk. 1:17, 26). 3 Bad Angels (Lucifer, Legion Mk. 5:9, Apollyon/Abaddon (Destroyer) Rev. 9:11).

I. Some of the Actions (or Attacks) of Satan:

- A. He catches away the sown seed in the heart if the hearer does not understand the word of God nor hides it in his heart (Matt. 13:19).
- B. He sows tares among the wheat (Matt. 13:25, 39).
- C. He blinds the minds of them which believe not (2 Cor. 4:4).
- D. He wants to sift the church – sift is to winnow or separate or shake up the church (Lk. 22:31).
- E. He fills the heart of church members to sin against God (to lie against the Holy Ghost) (Acts 5:3) – the word fill means to control. Who do you yield yourself to?
- F. He wants to devour and destroy you (1 Pet. 5:8)

II. Some Christian Action Against Satan:

- A. Watch and Pray (Mk. 14:38). And add fasting (Mt. 17:21; Mk. 9:29).
- B. Submit to God, Resist the Devil, He will flee from you (James 4:7).
- C. Paul taught us to “put on the armor of God” – Armor Up! (Eph. 6:11-18).
- D. Peter taught us to be sober and to be vigilant (1 Pet. 5:8).

III. The Lord’s Disciples (vv.46-50)

- A. The Lord Jesus’ very own family tries to interrupt His ministry.
- B. They thought that the Lord Jesus was crazy (cf. Mk. 3:21).
- C. The Messiah is not about a blood-line, family of Abraham relationship. (Mt. 3:9).
- D. The Messiah is about a spiritual, blood-atonement, family of God relationship.
- E. Discipleship will cost us everything. (Family and Finances).

Conclusion: There are no in-betweens to being a disciple of Christ. Let us all follow Christ!