

Rediscover Jesus, Part 41: "Two Opposing Kingdoms"**Luke 11:14-28**

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*Choose either to be blessed in the kingdom of God
or oppressed in the kingdom of Satan.*

I. Choosing between two opposing kingdoms (vv. 14-23)**A. Jesus and Satan are rulers of two opposing kingdoms (vv. 14-20)****Luke 11:14-20**

¹⁴ Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵ But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," ¹⁶ while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸ And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

B. Jesus is stronger than and overcomes Satan (vv. 21-23)**Luke 11:21-23**

²¹ When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²² but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³ Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

II. Consequences of belonging to each kingdom (vv. 24-28)**A. Those in the kingdom of Satan are oppressed (vv. 24-26)****Luke 11:24-26**

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.' ²⁵ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶ Then 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."

1. Satan and his demonic forces cannot rest, but they're bent on oppressing people.
2. We cannot remain empty (or neutral), but we're all filled or influenced by something.
3. Belonging to the kingdom of Satan gets worse and worse.

B. Those in the kingdom of God are blessed (vv. 27-28)**Luke 11:27-28**

²⁷ As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" ²⁸ But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Life Application

1. Would you say that you're neutral/indifferent towards Jesus, or that he's matchless King of your life?
2. How might Satan be deceiving, accusing, and/or tempting you right now? What bait is he using to hide his hook?
3. What are the blessings in Christ that you can remember and hold fast to in your everyday?