**Greater Than All of Satan’s Demons**

Luke 11:14-28

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**Luke 11:19 (ESV)**And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.

**Luke 11:20 (ESV)**But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

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**Luke 11:22 (ESV)**but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.

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**Luke 11:24 (ESV)**“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.’

**Luke 11:25 (ESV)**And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order.

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**Luke 11:27 (ESV)**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!”

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1. **Observing the Spiritual Reality of Demonic Power**

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***Demons are fallen angels who serve Satan and share eternal judgment with him.***

**Matthew 25:41 (ESV)**Then He will say to those on his left, “Depart from Me, you cursed, ***into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels****.*”

***Demons believe in God and recognize Jesus Christ as God’s Son.***

**James 2:19 (ESV)**You believe that God is one; you do well. ***Even the demons believe—and shudder!***

**Luke 4:41 (ESV)**And ***demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!”*** But He rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that He was the Christ.

***Demons can possess or oppress a person.***

**Matthew 4:24 (ESV)**So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought Him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, ***those oppressed by demons***, those having seizures, and paralytics, and He healed them.

***Demons can cause disease, suffering, and distress.***

**Matthew 12:22 (ESV)**Then ***a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to Him, and He healed him***, so that the man spoke and saw.

***Demons disseminate errors and inspire false teaching.***

**1 Timothy 4:1-2 (ESV)**Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times ***some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons****,* through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared.

***Demons are the spiritual forces behind idolatry.***

**1 Corinthians 10:19-20 (ESV)**What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, ***I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God***. I do not want you to be participants with demons.

***Demons will be loosed near the end of time to incite war against God****.*

**Revelation 16:14 (ESV)**For **they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle** on the great day of God the Almighty.

***Demons fight against believers.***

**Ephesians 6:12 (ESV)**For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, ***against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places***.

1. **Overcoming the Strong Resistance of Demonic Power**

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**Isaiah 49:24 (ESV)**Can the prey be taken from the mighty, or the captives of a tyrant be rescued?

**Isaiah 49:25 (ESV)**For thus says the Lord: “Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken, and the prey of the tyrant be rescued, for I will contend with those who contend with you, and I will save your children.

**Isaiah 49:26 (ESV)**I will make your oppressors eat their own flesh, and they shall be drunk with their own blood as with wine. Then all flesh shall know that I am the Lord your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”

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**Matthew 12:45 (ESV)**Then it goes and brings with it 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. **So also will it be with this evil generation**.

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