

## **Jesus Heals a Possessed Man & Conflict Arises**

### **Luke 11:14-36**

By the third year of Jesus' ministry, we have found many things that recur: some teachings, similar healings, recurring questions, old arguments, and conflicts, to name a few. In this incident of Jesus, there are several of these types of repetitions, underscoring the \_\_\_\_\_ of the people's hard hearts toward Jesus and His message.

#### **I. Jesus' Healing & Two Conflicts Arise**

**“And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>15</sup> But \_\_\_\_\_ of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils.<sup>16</sup> And others, tempting (Lit. - \_\_\_\_\_) him, sought of him a sign from \_\_\_\_\_.” Luke 11:14-16**

The healing and the crowd's reaction:

1. “He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils” –

2. “And others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven” –

#### **II. Jesus' Three Arguments against Conflict #1 – Jesus' Power is that of Satan's**

**“But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth.<sup>18</sup> If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub.<sup>19</sup> And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons (Lit. - \_\_\_\_\_) cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges.<sup>20</sup> But if I with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.<sup>21</sup> When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in**

peace: <sup>22</sup>But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armor wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. <sup>23</sup>He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.” Luke 11:17-23

1. “every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation” v. 17-18 –

2. “by whom do your sons cast them out” v. 19 –

3. “I with the finger of God cast out devils” v. 20-22

Parable of the strong man:

Conclusion: “He that is not with me is against me” v. 23 –

### III. Jesus Illustrates Israel’s Spiritual Condition

“When the unclean spirit is \_\_\_\_\_ out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. <sup>25</sup>And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished (Lit. \_\_\_\_\_). <sup>26</sup>Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits \_\_\_\_\_ wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is \_\_\_\_\_ than the first.” Luke 11:24-26

1. Israel had \_\_\_\_\_ of going their own way without a message from God.

2. John the Baptist –

3. Jesus the Christ –

#### 4. Rejection and Judgment –

#### IV. Odd Interruption

**“And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. <sup>28</sup>But he said, Yea \_\_\_\_\_, blessed are they that \_\_\_\_\_ the word of God, and \_\_\_\_\_ it.” Luke 11:27-28**

*“Spiritual knowledge leading to spiritual kinship was the most blessed wish for them all.” JW Shepard*

#### V. Jesus’ Three Arguments against Conflict #2 – Desire for a Sign

**“And when the people were gathered \_\_\_\_\_ together, he began to say, This is an \_\_\_\_\_ generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of \_\_\_\_\_ the prophet. <sup>30</sup>For as Jonah was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation. <sup>31</sup>The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of \_\_\_\_\_; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here. <sup>32</sup>The men of Nineveh shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and, behold, a \_\_\_\_\_ than Jonah is here.” Luke 11:29-32**

“the people were gathered thick together,” –

1. The Sign of Jonah and Nineveh –

2. Solomon and the Queen of the South –

3. The Greater Sign is here → Jesus Christ –

## VI. Jesus' Call to the Nation

**“No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the \_\_\_\_\_.”<sup>34</sup>The light of the body is the \_\_\_\_\_: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness.<sup>35</sup>Take heed (Lit. - \_\_\_\_\_) therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.<sup>36</sup>If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.” Luke 11:33-36**

“the light” –

“light of the body is the eye” –

“eye is single” –

“eye is evil” –

“Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness” –

## **Believers' Application:**

1. Jesus said, "But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you." Luke 11:19 The arm, hand, and fingers of God are repeated word pictures in Scripture.

**"finger of God"** - represents His power & authority –

**"hand of God"** – represents His creative & sustaining work –

**"arm of God"** – represents His judgment & salvation –

2. Here are three ways spiritual blindness can affect people today!

- The problem with the "evil generation" at the time of Jesus was their willful blindness. They were satisfied with their religion as normal. The problem with the crowd that day wasn't the Light of Jesus but their spiritual eyes to view Him! How's your spiritual vision concerning Jesus, the Light of the World?
- As a believer, do you have a hard time seeing God at work in your life? If you do, check your spiritual vision? Are you fighting God, dismissing Him, ignoring Him? If so, sin and unbelief are blinding your eyes! Do you have an "Evil eye?"
- Have you been giving out the Light of the Gospel? God has given us this responsibility!