

Insights from Luke

#42: "True-Help vs. Self-Help"
Luke 11:14-26

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“¹⁴ And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute; when the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed.”

Luke 11:15-16

“¹⁵ But some of them said, ‘He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.’ ¹⁶ Others, to test Him, were demanding of Him a sign from heaven.”

Luke 11:17-19

“¹⁷ But He knew their thoughts and said to them, ‘Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and a house divided against itself falls. ¹⁸ 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 by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? So they will be your judges.’”

Luke 11:20

“²⁰ But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

Luke 11:21-22

“²¹ When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are undisturbed. ²² But when someone stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away from him all his armor on which he had relied and distributes his plunder.”

II Timothy 2:26

“²⁶ And they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.”

Ephesians 2:1-3

“¹ And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.”

Luke 11:23

“²³ He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters.”

Luke 11:24-26

“²⁴ ‘When the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and not finding any, it says, “I will return to my house from which I came.”’ ²⁵ And when it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. ²⁶ Then it goes and takes along seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first.’”

The dumb spirit took away the man’s speech and the powers of darkness use the same ploy today.

Unbelievers need to be confronted with the illogic of appealing to God for judgment while denying His power.

There is no middle road.

**Jesus' point in delivering the possessed from demons is that this proved the onset of the Kingdom of God.
This was completely done at the cross.**