

The Lamp of the Body

Luke 11:14-36

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Jesus expelled an evil spirit that had been preventing a man from speaking. The man immediately exploded into speech. The crowd was amazed. But some people said, "This Jesus expels evil spirits because he's in cahoots with Beelzebub, the ruler of evil spirits."

Jesus responded, "A kingdom divided against itself is doomed, and a disunited household will collapse. So if Satan struggles against Satan, how can Satan's sovereignty survive? You accuse me of working with the Adversary. But what if it's by the power of God that I expel evil spirits? Shouldn't that tell you something? The Kingdom of God has arrived; it's here among you right now.

"When an evil spirit comes out of someone, it wanders through barren places looking for someone else to inhabit. If it doesn't find anyone, it seeks out seven other spirits more evil than itself and then 'goes back home' to that same person, who is now worse off than before.

"When the judgment comes, the people of Nineveh will condemn you. They turned to God when they heard the preaching of Jonah. Yet a far greater preacher than Jonah is here among you right now.

"The Queen of Sheba will also condemn you. She traveled from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom. Yet a far greater wisdom than Solomon's is here among you right now.

"Your eyes are the lamp of your body. Keep your lamp burning brightly. Live your life wide-eyed with faith. Hear the word of God, and put it to work in your lives by obeying it."