

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: [Luke 11:14-26](#).
- B. "Battle Stations."
- C. Jesus came not only to bring peace to the earth, but He came so that He could finish His war with Satan. We as Xians, are part of this war; participants, not spectators.
- D. In the parable (Lk. 11:21-22), Jesus:
 - 1. Invades the strong man's home.
 - 2. Attacks and overpowers the strong man.
 - 3. Takes away the strong man's armor.
 - 4. Distributes the strong man's plunder.

I. CHRIST INVADED SATAN'S TERRITORY (Lk. 11:14-20).

- A. Jesus did not cast out demons by the power of Beelzebub. This is not true:
 - 1. It is illogical (why would Satan cast out Satan).
 - 2. It is inconsistent ("their sons" cast out demons also).
- B. The world is Satan's territory:
 - 1. The world was full of sinners needing salvation (Jn. 3:16).
["For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."](#)
 - 2. The devil is a spirit working in those who are disobedient (Eph. 2:2).
[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. The devil is the ruler of this world (Jn. 12:31).
["Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world shall be cast out."](#)
 - 4. Satan seeks to devour the world (1Pet. 5:8).
[Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.](#)
- C. But the cross proved not to be Satan's victory; it was his defeat.

II. CHRIST ATTACKED AND OVERPOWERED SATAN'S WEAPONS (Lk. 11:22a).

- A. The text says, ["...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."](#)
- B. The name "Beelzebub" has several meanings, lord of: heights, flies, dung, or dwelling.
- C. Each name of the devil in the Bible tells us something about him:
 - 1. "Satan" means an adversary (1Pet. 5:8).
[Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.](#)
 - 2. "Devil" means a slanderer (Rev. 12:9).
[And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.](#)
 - 3. A "dragon" or "lion" which would indicate a devourer (Rev. 12:7).
[And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. And the dragon and his angels waged war,](#)
 - 4. A "serpent" which means a trickster (2Cor. 11:3).
[But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.](#)
 - 5. A "deceiver" which is a liar (2Jn. 7).
[For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.](#)
- D. While X is trying to gather people together, Satan is busy trying to scatter all souls from Him (Lk. 11:23).

III. CHRIST TAKES AWAY SATAN'S ARMOR (Lk. 11:22b).

- A. The text says, "...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."
- B. What does Satan use to keep people in his kingdom and lure others into it?
 - 1. **Pride** (1Tim. 3:6) but X's answer is **humility** (Phil. 2:7).
(1Tim 3:6) not a new convert, lest he become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil.
(Phil 2:7) but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.
 - 2. **Fear** (Heb. 2:15, but X has **abolished death** (2Tim. 1:10).
(Heb 2:15) and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.
(2Tim 1:10) but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,
 - 3. **Lies** (Jn. 8:44) but X is **truth** (Jn. 14:6; see 2Cor. 4:4; 11:13-15).
(Jn 8:44) "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies."
(Jn 14:6) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me."
 - 4. **Hatred** (Rev. 12:17) but X taught **love** (Jn. 15:18., Mt. 5:43).
(Rev 12:17) And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.
(Jn 15:18) "If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you."
(Mt 5:43) "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, and hate your enemy.'"
- C. The three tools of Satan:
 - 1. False religion (pride and lies).
 - 2. Worldliness (materialism and carnality).
 - 3. Persecution (temptation and calamity).

IV. CHRIST RECEIVES SATAN'S PLUNDER (Lk. 11:22d).

- A. The text says, "...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.**"
- B. "He... divided his spoils and these are the people formally under Satan's control.
- C. After Jesus won the victory at the cross, He sits on the throne, claiming the spoils and distributing gifts (Eph. 4:7-11).
- D. The parable of the empty house warns us about the spiritual vacuum in our souls. Be sure to fill it up with the good things of JC.
- E. Jesus adds to His church daily, such as should be saved (1Cor. 12:13; Ac. 2:47, KJV).
- F. But Satan will want his plunder back! Such is the testimony of 11:24-26. Be careful not give in to the temptations and lies. To be lost, then be saved, and then lost again is a worse condition than just being lost. There is usually no hope of repentance from this third state.

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. The **window** (to see God) of the parable is how that Christ has overcome Satan.
- B. The **mirror** (to see ourselves) of the parable is there is no middle ground, we are either for God or we are against Him (Lk. 11:23).
- C. In which kingdom do you reside?
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.