

The Last State of the Man is Worse than the First

Matthew 12:43-45 But when the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, it roams through dry [arid] places in search of rest, but it does not find any.

44 Then it says, I will go back to my house from which I came out. And when it arrives, it finds the place unoccupied, swept, put in order, and decorated.

45 Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and make their home there. And the last condition of that man becomes worse than the first. So also shall it be with this wicked generation.

Unclean-Strong's from G1 meaning not or negative and 2508 meaning to clean or expiate [make atonement for.] The same word has been translated as purged in **John 15:2** and **Hebrews 10:2**

Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. He presented the world with liberating truth concerning the kingdom of God. The kingdom is not about the judgment of God. It is about God having mercy and compassion on his creation. It is about what God does for man, not what man does for God.

Acts 10:38 says that Jesus, being anointed with the Holy spirit, went about doing good, healing all that were oppressed of the devil. The word oppressed means to burden spiritually or mentally, to discourage, to dishearten.

In other words, anytime anyone has an unclean spirit there is a lie at work that is in some form denying the finished work Jesus.

From the very beginning, Satan has deceived men with words that bring spiritual discouragement by causing man to feel like he must be in the performing for God mode rather than the receiving

from him mode. He has infected the churches with powerless lies.

2 Corinthians 11:13 *For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.*

14 *No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.*

15 *Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.*

Galatians 5:1 *Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. 4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.*

Matthew 12:1-15 The Pharisees came against Jesus using the law to accuse him of both eating and healing on the Sabbath day. After the Pharisees came against Jesus for healing a man with a withered arm, Jesus withdrew himself from them and the multitude followed him and he healed them all. **Matthew 12:15-16** A possessed man with a deaf and dumb spirit was brought to him and he healed him. **Matthew 12:22** The crowd was amazed, but the Pharisees accused him of casting out the devil by the devil. **12:24** Jesus told them that a divided house can't stand. Satan would not be effective if he opposed himself.

In order to rob or spoil a house, the strongman has to be bound. If anyone blasphemes or speaks opposite things against the Holy Spirit, he binds the Holy Spirit and he will never experience anything but condemnation. A mixture of grace and law will not set you free. Satan continually presents us with opposing thoughts that promote the things of the law because he knows that it will keep us from experiencing victory.

Mat 12:31 J B Phillips "There's nothing done or said that can't be forgiven. But if you deliberately persist in your slanders against God's Spirit, you are repudiating [**reject with denial of authority**] the very One who forgives.

Mat 12:32 If you reject the Son of Man out of some misunderstanding, the Holy Spirit can forgive you, but when you reject the Holy Spirit, you're sawing off the branch on which you're sitting, severing by your own perversity all connection with the One who forgives.

Matthew 12:33 KJV Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.

Mat 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

What one believes in their own heart will have an effect on the words that one speaks and all of this will affect their lives.

Proverbs 23:7

The whole chapter of Matthew 12 is talking about mixing law with grace. The defiling Spirit is the lie of the enemy [**religion**] that keeps us bound.. Satan's whole intent is to get us to blaspheme the Holy Spirit-to oppose Grace with law. Someone with a mixture is even worse off than someone who only has law.

Matthew 12:43 "When a defiling evil spirit is expelled from someone, it drifts along through the desert looking for an oasis, some unsuspecting soul it can bedevil. When it doesn't find anyone,

Mat 12:44 it says, 'I'll go back to my old haunt.' On return it finds the person spotlessly clean, but vacant.

Mat 12:45 It then runs out and rounds up seven other spirits more evil than

itself and they all move in, whooping it up. That person ends up far worse off than if he'd never gotten cleaned up in the first place. "That's what this generation is like: You may think you have cleaned out the junk from your lives and gotten ready for God, but you weren't hospitable to my kingdom message, and now all the devils are moving back in."

Casting out a devil will not set a person free unless the root cause of the problem is addressed. In fact, it will only make the problem worse unless that person becomes established in righteousness [the righteousness of Jesus.]

The house has to be swept clean. The law mentality has to be exposed for what it is. The house must be furnished, maintained and kept clean by continuously feeding and filling it with grace and truth. **Hebrews 5:12-14** You must continually be on the look-out for any re-emergence or remaining portions of the law and nip them in the bud before they can come back in with even more bondage and condemnation.