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By the Word of God



THE OIRACLES OF JESUS

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The Healing of the Demon-possessed, Blind and Mute Man Matthew 12:22-30; cf., Mark 3:22-27, Luke 11:14-23

INTRODUCTION

- **THE CONTEXT:** Jesus healed a man who was demon-possessed, blind, and mute, l.e., a man with three physical disabilities.
 - The Controversy: The people were wondering if Jesus was the Son of David, i.e., the Messiah.
 - The Charge: The Pharisees viewed Jesus as an agent of the devil.
- **THE REAL ISSUE**: Whether or not one truly believes the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- LESSON: We are either with Jesus or against Him; we either work with and for Him or against Him.
- **Context:** From the incident of healing of the demon-possessed, blind and mute man, Jesus will pose three questions that bring out whether or not one is serious about trusting in Him.

Matthew 12:30 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters'

QUESTION #1: IF SATAN CAST OUT SATAN, HOW THEN WILL HIS KINGDOM STAND?

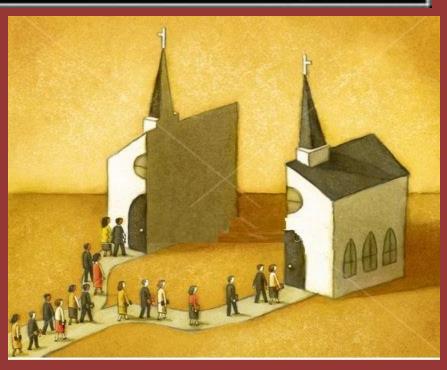
- **THE REALIZATION:** Every kingdom **divided** against itself is brought to **desolation**.
- THE CHALLENGE: Can you tell the difference between the work of God and the work of Satan???
- **THE APPLICATION**: You are either helping God's work get revealed, or helping Satan cover up God's work!!!



A house divided against itself cannot stand. (Abraham Lincoln)

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QUESTION #2: BY WHOM DO YOUR SONS CAST THEM OUT?

- **THE RECOGNITION:** The Pharisees **recognized** that the ability to cast out demons came from God.
- **THE CHALLENGE**: Can you tell if someone is being used of God or being used of the devil??
- <u>THE APPLICATION</u>: You are either helping those who truly serve the Lord, or you are helping those who serve themselves, and thereby helping Satan cover up God's work.



QUESTION #3: HOW CAN ONE ENTER A STRONG MAN'S HOUSE AND PLUNDER HIS GOODS ...?

- **THE REALIZATION:** A robber must have sufficient power to subdue the owner of the house before he can plunder the house.
- **THE CHALLENGE:** Can you tell whether or not the power of God is being manifested or the power of man (his flesh, his ego, his pride).
- **THE APPLICATION:** If you cannot tell if God is at work, you may end up helping man's pride, thereby helping Satan cover up God's work

What do you have to do to break into a strong man's house?



A CHALLENGE FOR YOU!

• You are either with Jesus or against Him. You either work with and for Him or against Him.

Congregational Work Questions

- Is your work helping or hindering the congregation's efforts?
- Is your work building of shrinking the congregation?



WHICH ONE FITS YOU?

HINDERING THE WORK OF GOD

Hindering the work of God means impeding it progress. It is placing a stumbling block in the way of those that are trying to do God's work or will.

RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOUR TODAY!!



- Acknowledge that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, <u>died</u> on the cross for your sin, and that He <u>arose</u> again from the dead on the third day.
- 2. Admit that you are a sinner, guilty of sin and responsible and accountable to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
- **3. Accept** the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.