

The Gospel of Luke

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- Palm Sunday was a day of missed opportunities!
- It speaks of those who were not ready for the marvelous opportunity presented to them
- It's a day that urges us not to miss the promises in scripture
- It is a day that reminds us to take God's Word seriously – and not to be robbed of blessing through doubt or unbelief
- Luke chapter 11 also gives the same warnings!
- It tells us what we can have, how we can have it, and the reasons we might miss it!

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CHAPTER 11

Verses 14-54

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14 And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb.
And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the
dumb spake; and the people wondered.

Luke 11:14

- 29th Miracle recorded in Luke's gospel
 - 24th Healing
- 'the people wondered'
 - *“at the power of Christ, and concluded that he must be the Messiah, the son of David”* - John Gill
- It was assumed that the 'devil' had to identify itself before it could be cast out
 - ...a dumb person could not do this!
- It was seen as a case that could not be healed...
- ...until the Messiah came!

15 But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils.

16 And others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven.

Luke 11:15-16

- *“Some, to corroborate this suggestion, and confront the evidence of Christ's miraculous power, challenged him to give them a sign from heaven” – Matthew Henry*
- *“such as was upon mount Sinai when the law was given; as if a sign from heaven... could not have been given them as well by a compact and collusion with the prince of the power of the air, who works with power and lying wonders”*

17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth.

18 If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub.

19 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges.

Luke 11:17-19

20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

21 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace:

22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

Luke 11:20-22

- *“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”* – 1 John 3:8

Christ vs Satan?



Christ's Power over Satan

- *“The God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly”* (NKJV) - Romans 16:20
- *“And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming”* - 2 Thessalonians 2:8
- *“Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit”*. - Isaiah 14:15

The Devil of Hell?

- *“Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels”*
- Matthew 25:41
- The Devil does NOT live in Hell!
- His abode is this Earth
- He is *‘the prince of the power of the air’* Eph 2:2
- He is *‘the god of this world’* – 2 Cor 4:4
– See also Luke 4:6
- He does not want to go to Hell any more than you and I

Christ's Power over Satan

- *“Perhaps there had been some who had cast out the inferior devils by compact with Beelzebub their chief, but that was without any real damage or prejudice to Satan and his kingdom, what he lost one way he gained another. The devil and such exorcists played booty, as we say, and, while the forlorn hope of his army gave ground, the main body thereby gained ground; the interest of Satan in the souls of men was not weakened by it in the least. But, when Christ cast out devils, he needed not do it by any compact with them, for he was stronger than they, and could do it by force, and did it so as to ruin Satan's power and blast his great design”*

- Matthew Henry

Christ's Power over Satan

- At the synagogue in Nazareth Christ declared His mission: “To undo the effects of the Fall”
- **Four consequences of the Fall**
 - Sin was introduced into the human race
 - Rebellion against God's perfect standard
 - Sickness was introduced as a consequence of being removed from God's protection
 - Sickness is a direct result of the Fall & linked to our sin-nature
 - Satan became the ruler of this Earth
 - The 'Prince of the power of the air' / 'The god of This world'
 - Death was introduced as a result of Sin
 - The wages of Sin is death

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**AVAILABLE
NOW**

- Sin was introduced into the human race
 - Jesus has the power to forgive sin because of the Cross
- Sickness was introduced as a consequence of being removed from God's protection
 - Jesus bore our sickness, by His stripes we are healed

FUTURE

- Satan became the ruler of this Earth
 - Jesus will reclaim this Earth (He is our Kinsman Redeemer)
- Death was introduced as a result of Sin
 - The last enemy to be defeated is Death! – but it done!

Christ's Power over Satan

- And the seventy returned again with joy...
- And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven – **as a defeated foe!**
- Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.
- In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit,
- All things are delivered to me of my Father!

– Luke 10:17-22

Christ's Power over Satan

- ...given to His disciples
- *“And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease”.*
 - Matthew 10:1

Christ's Power over Satan

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Christ's Power over Satan

- ...given to the Church
- *“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”*
 - Mark 16:17-18

Christ's Power over Satan

- ...given to the Church
- *“Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.”*
 - John 14:11-12

Christ's Power over Satan

- ...given to the Church
- *“And, [Jesus] being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father...ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*
- *“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”*
 - Acts 1:4-8

Christ's Power over Satan

- ...given to the Church
- *“And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one..”*

– Acts 5:14-16

Christ's Power over Satan

- ...Reclaiming of the Earth!
- *“And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.”*
 - Acts 3:20-21

Christ's Power over Satan

- ...Reclaiming of the Earth!
- *“And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.”*
 - Revelation 11:15

Christ's Power over Satan

- ...Reclaiming of the Earth!
- *“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.”*
 - Daniel 2:44

Christ's Power over Satan

- ...Victory over death!
- *“Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.”*
 - 1 Corinthians 15:24-26
 - See also Revelation 20:11-15

23 He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

24 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

25 And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished.

26 Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

Luke 11:23-26

Keep Being Filled!

27 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Ephesians 5:18

27 And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked.

28 But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

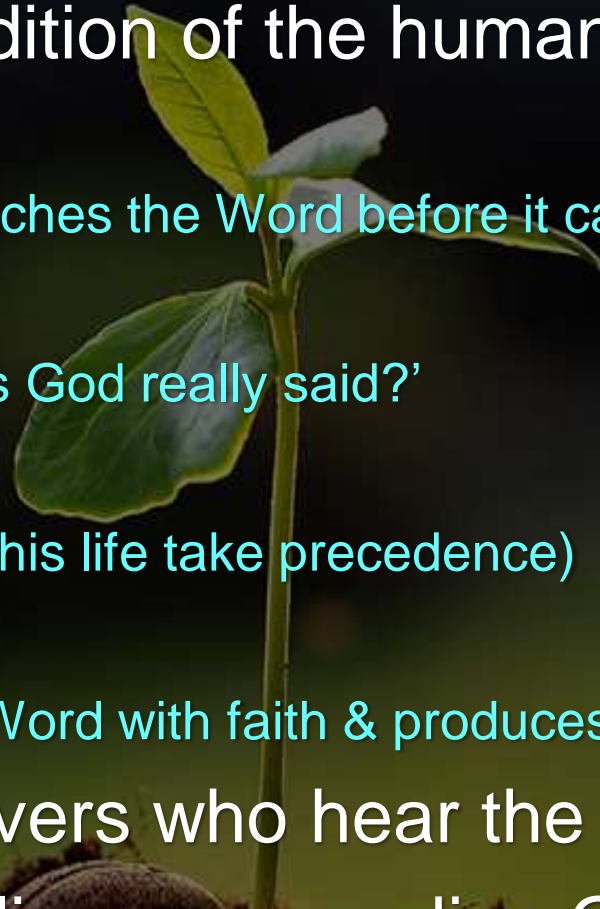
Luke 11:27-28

- This takes us back to the parables of the four soils! (Luke 8)
- Hearing and keeping God's Word are at the center of everything in the Christian life.

The Four Soils

Luke 8:4-15

- A summary of the condition of the human heart
 - **The way side**
 - Rejection (the Devil snatches the Word before it can germinate)
 - **Rocky Soil**
 - Doubt (temptation... 'has God really said?')
 - **Thorny soil**
 - Indifferent (the cares of this life take precedence)
 - **Good soil**
 - Believing (received the Word with faith & produces fruit)
- This is true for unbelievers who hear the gospel
- But it is also true of believers regarding God's the promises in God's Word



Strive for God's Best!

- The remainder of this chapter is a subtle warning not to miss out on God's best
- Look at you heart, your desires, motives and the ruling power of your life! (i.e. your wisdom or God's)
- Don't let unbelief or hardness of heart keep you from all that can be in Christ
- Don't fail to shine brightly for Jesus!
 - And don't fail to see, from His Word, how brightly you can shine!
- If Christ is illuminating your path there will be peace, strength, clarity and power
- If not, there will be darkness and discouragement
- Understand the difference between religion and relationship!

29 And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet.

30 For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.

Luke 11:29-30

- Jonah was a sign of coming judgment for Nineveh
 - Although they repented, within 100 years they would be destroyed! (see the book of Nahum!)
- Jesus was a sign of coming judgment for Israel
 - Within 38 years Israel would likewise be destroyed

The Sign of Jonah

- Sign of the 'Prophet' Jonah
- Only 8 words of prophecy in the whole book of Jonah!
- Evidently Jonah prophesied more – 2
Kings 14:25

Jonah's Greatest Prophecy?

- Jesus points to Jonah's 'death & resurrection' experience as a prophetic model of what He would accomplish
- Specifically, 'being in the heart of the earth' for 'three days and three nights'

The Third Day

31 Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are **written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.**

32 For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on:

33 And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and **the third day** he shall rise again.

Luke 18:31-33

Jonah as a type of Christ

- Jonah loved his own people
- His own people had rejected God
- Jonah gave his own life to save Israel
- He was in 'the grave' for 3 days & 3 nights
- After he 'rose' the message of God's coming judgment and salvation through faith went to the gentiles
- The message of forgiveness was preached to the Gentiles to provoke Israel to repentance

31 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

32 The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

Luke 11:31-32

33 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light

Luke 11:33

- *“intimating, that Christ and his disciples did not preach in corners, or in private houses, and secret places, but in the streets of the city, and in the temples and synagogues, the public places of worship: and therefore the Jews were the more inexcusable, that they did not attend to the ministry of the word; and this would be their condemnation, that light was come among them, and they preferred darkness to it” - Gill*

34 The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness.

35 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.

36 If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

Luke 11:34-36

37 And as he spake, a certain Pharisee besought him to dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to meat.

38 And when the Pharisee saw it, he marvelled that he had not first washed before dinner.

39 And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness.

40 Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also?

41 But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you.

Luke 11:37-41

42 But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

43 Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets.

44 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them.

Luke 11:42-44

45 Then answered one of the lawyers, and said unto him, Master, thus saying thou reproachest us also.

46 And he said, Woe unto you also, ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.

47 Woe unto you! for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your fathers killed them.

48 Truly ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchres.

Luke 11:45-48

49 Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute:

50 That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation;

51 From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.

Luke 11:49-51

52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

53 And as he said these things unto them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to urge him vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things:

54 Laying wait for him, and seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him.

Luke 11:52-54

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