**Who Let The Devil In My House?**

(Luke 11:24-26 KJV)

*24When 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.25And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished.26Then 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.*

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efore I begin this message, I would like to read a letter to you from satan—I saw you yesterday as you began your daily chores. You awoke without kneeling to pray. As a matter of fact, you didn't even bless your meals, or pray before going to bed last night. You are so unthankful, and I admire that about you. I cannot tell you how excited I am that you have not changed your way of living. Fool, you are mine!

I want to remind that you and I have been going steady for years, and I still don't love you yet. As a matter of fact, I hate you because I hate god. I am only using you to get even with God. He kicked me out of heaven, and I'm going to use you as long as possible to pay him back. You see, Fool,—God loves you and He has great plans in store for you. But you have yielded and dedicated your life to me, and I'm going to make your life a living hell. That way, we’ll be together twice. In fact, this will really hurt God.

Thanks to you, I'm really showing Him who's boss in your life. With all of the good times we've had. We have been watching dirty movies, cursing people out, stealing, lying, being hypocritical, fornicating, overeating, telling dirty jokes, gossiping, backstabbing people, disrespecting adults in leadership positions from the pastor down, and have no respect for the church. Moreover, some of you have bad attitudes—oh and don't forget we've been gang banging, smoking weed and hanging with the hommies and not going to church because we got too many other obligations to do.

Also!!! I really want to thank you for promoting my gangster rap music and other stereo types to numerous to name. You really help me promote sex, drugs, violence, and anger for no reason. It has caused the death rate of young people to quadruple, so hell is getting filled up a lot faster thanks to you. Surely you don't want to give all this up. Now come on, fool, let's burn together forever. I've got some hot plans for the both of us.

This is just a letter of appreciation from me to you. I'd like to say "thanks" for letting me use you for most of your foolish life. You are so gullible, and every chance I get I constantly laugh at you. When you are tempted to sin, you give in. HA, HA, HA, you make me sick!! Look at You! Sin is beginning to take its toll on your life. You look 20 years older—and now, I need new blood.

So go ahead and teach some children how to sin. All you have to do is smoke, get drunk or drink while under-aged, cheat, gamble, gossip, fornicate, and live being as selfish as possible. Do all of this in the presence of children and they will do it too. Kids are like that!

Well, fool, I have to let you go for now. I'll be back in a couple of seconds to tempt you again. If you were smart, you would run somewhere, confess your sins, and live for God with what little bit of life that you have left. It's not my nature to warn anyone, but to be your age and still sinning; it's becoming a bit ridiculous. Don't get me wrong, I still hate you. It's just that you'd make a better fool for Christ. **P.S.** - And if you really love me, you won't share this letter with anyone!

In this chapter it was Jesus who was casting out demons (evil spirits). This was His third miracle—and what He did made people marvel.  The people who saw Him do it knew, instinctively and by religious training that God was present and at work through the man, at the very least.  It simply was so good that it touched the people who witnessed it, and so, those who were Jesus' adversaries were troubled by it, and they tried to campaign that what Jesus did was a straight arrow shot from the bow of Satan.  They speculated, smeared and suggested boldly that Jesus was in league with the devil.  After all, who had ever seen anything like this before?

Surely, they had exorcists at work in their time, but no one was as effective as Jesus.  His very success was suspicious, at least that was the seed they wanted to plant. So the people began to wonder, and some began to demand that a sign be sent out of heaven that would assure them that He was not demonic, but heavenly. This sort of gossip spread like a cancer, and even innocent people got caught up in it and infected by the negativities that were circulated.

So, Jesus answered their false charges with simple reason.  **"Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and a house divided against itself falls."**  Then Jesus also applies, **"And if Satan also is divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand?"** With those two sentences, Jesus has put to rest the suggestions of His adversaries, and the suspicions that they raised.  The devil is not at work against Himself, and they could see that his kingdom of pain and trouble was not shaken.

Then Jesus went on offense.  **"For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul.  And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Consequently they shall be your judges.  But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."**

**Beelzebul** is the chief of all demons (Mark 3:22 KJV), another name for Satan.  Jesus says that if I am doing exorcisms (trying to rid a unclean spirit) by being in league with Satan, then what are you saying about those among you (some of your own relatives), whom none of you challenge, whom you may even send people to when they are troubled and possessed, who are also exorcising demons? It was commonly known that only God can drive out a demon, and that the devil comes to confuse and destroy, not cleanse and bless—but contaminate and burden! So in the case of your own son's who let the devil in the house? In other words because of their provocative thoughts they were operating under unclean spirits.

1. **The Intrusion Of The Devil:**

(Luke 11:24 KJV)

*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.*

Jesus tells the people of a man and the demon. The man's body was the demon's "house" For some unknown reason, the demonic tenant decided to leave his "house" and go elsewhere. The man's condition improved immediately, but the man did not invite God to come and dwell within. Jesus' preaching here, concerning unclean spirits came and left at will proved that the man was not "saved."

Jesus mentioned the strongman in a house in this chapter and says if he has the house and has armor on, then he can be entrusted that his goods are safe. If we are Christians and we have the armor of God on, as mentioned in Ephesians 6, and we keep it on—the Helmet of Salvation, the Breastplate of Righteousness, The Girdle of Truth, Feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace, and the Sword of the Spirit we can protect our family and our homes because we trust in the armor of God to protect us. But then the word says that a stronger than that of the strongman will come which is the devil. So, we have to be ready for battle.

Since we are not fighting a fleshly battle, "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal" ([2 Corinthians 10:4](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/2%20Cor.%2010.4)). In our fight against the wiles of the devil, Paul mentions six distinctive pieces of armor.