

THE UNCLEAN SPIRIT

MARK 1:21-28

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21 And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

22 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,

24 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

Mark 1:21-28 - continued

25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

28 And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.

Introduction

A. Christ identified, baptized, and tempted

B. Goes to Capernaum

Matthew 4:15-17

15 The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Introduction

C. Calls disciples on the way

Mark 1:16-20

16 Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

17 And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

18 And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.

19 And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets.

20 And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.



I. His Person (v 23)

A. Indwelt and controlled by the unclean spirit

John 6:70

Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

John 8:44

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

I. His Person (v 23)

**B. A man with an unclean spirit is an unclean man
Ephesians 2:2**

**Wherein in time past ye walked according to the
course of this world, according to the prince of the
power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the
children of disobedience:**

I. His Person (v 23)

C. Believers can act unclean

1. In speech

Matthew 18:23

But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

2. In actions

1 Corinthians 3:3

For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

I. His Person (v 23)

C. Believers can act unclean - continued

3. In relationships

2 Peter 2:7-8

7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

II. His Place (v 23)

A. On the Sabbath day (v 21)

2 Timothy 3:5

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

B. In God's house (v 23)

2 Corinthians 11:11-13

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

II. His Place (v 23)

C. Satan resists

1. Prayer

Daniel 10:13

But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

2. Preaching

Matthew 13:19

When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

II. His Place (v 23)

C. Satan resists - continued

3. Praise

Luke 19:37-39

37 And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;

38 Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.

III. His Perspective (v 24)

“what have we to do with thee”

A. The spiritual bondage

Romans 6:16

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

B. The spiritual blindness

2 Corinthians 4:4

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

IV. His Pronouncement (v 24)

A. His attitude

“art thou come to destroy us?”

Jude 1:6

And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

B. His acknowledgment

“I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.”

James 2:19

Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

V. His Plea (v 24)

“Let us alone”

A. So we (I) do not have to deal with the truth

Matthew 22:15-16

15 Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk.

16 And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men.

V. His Plea (v 24)

“Let us alone”

B. So we (I) can do our own thing

John 3:19-20

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.

VI. His Powerlessness (v 25)

A. To speak

“Hold thy peace”

B. To stay

“Come out of him”

VI. His Powerlessness (v 25)

C. To subjugate the believer

1 John 4:4

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Romans 6:14

For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

VII. The Pondering (v 27)

“And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.”

A. The crowd saw the power of God

B. They questioned what they knew

C. They spread the news but ...

**Are We Pondering
Or Proving The Power
Of God?**