

FIRST BIND THE STRONG MAN

Text: ***“How can one enter into a strong man’s house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? And then he will spoil his house”*** Mat. 12:29. Compare Luke 11:21-23.

Introduction: Notice here in Matthew 12 the natural condition of fallen man and the circumstances he is in:

1. A sinner with total inability – verse 22.
2. Surrounded by blasphemy of the Pharisees – verse 24.
3. Under the power of Satan and a member of his kingdom – verse 26.
4. Needs to be under true evangelism – verse 28.
5. And our text shows how God saves sinners – verse 29.

I. WHO IS THE STRONG MAN?

1. The Devil – powerful and mighty.
 2. Serpent – filled with devilish wisdom.
 3. Satan – one who captures his prey.
 4. The god of this world – governs his prey.
 5. The prince of demons – has power to hold his prey.
 6. A roaring lion – threatens and seeks to destroy God’s people (1 Pet. 5:8).
 7. An angel of light – seeks to deceive God’s people (2 Cor. 11:13-15).
 8. The wolf – catches and scatters the sheep, seeks to kill and destroy them; kills just for the sake of killing.
- References: Mat. 7:15; Acts 20:29-31.

II. WHAT IS SATAN’S PALACE? Here we turn to the passage in Luke.

1. The corrupt heart of unregenerate man.
2. Where Satan dwells as a king.
3. Where Satan has set up his throne.
4. Where Satan keeps court.
5. Where Satan courtiers are.
6. Satan’s palace is a filthy palace, perfectly agreeable to the nature of old Lucifer.
7. Satan’s palace is kept by a guard of devils and worldly lusts (Luke 11:21-22).

III. WHO IS THE STRONGER MAN?

1. He is Jesus the Son of God.
2. Jesus the God-man.
3. Christ the Redeemer.
4. Christ Jesus the Mighty God.
5. Jesus the Great Shepherd (1 Pet. 2:24-25).

IV. HOW DOES CHRIST BIND SATAN, THE STRONG MAN? He binds Satan by performing seven wonderful things in the heart of a sinner:

1. By awakening the sinner.
2. By enlightening the sinner.
3. By regenerating the sinner.

4. By giving the sinner a holy heart.
 5. By giving the sinner a holy nature.
 6. By implanting the principles of grace and holiness in the heart.
 7. By making the heart of man a fit habitation for God to dwell in (Ezek. 36:26-27).
- This disarms Satan and destroys his vile habitation. He has got to go!

V. WHAT IS GOD'S PURPOSE FOR BINDING SATAN, THE STRONG MAN?

1. So the sinner's will can be freed (Psa. 110:3).
2. So the sinner can go free.
3. So the sinner can repent and believe the Gospel (Mark 1:14-15).

VI. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GOD SAVES A SINNER? Listen carefully!

1. The devil goes out.
2. Christ comes in.
3. The Holy Ghost comes in.
4. The Kingdom of God comes in.
5. The believer becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus.
6. The believer is no longer at war with God.
7. The believer is no longer on the devil's side.
8. Praise God, Christ meets Satan on his own ground and defeats him (Gen. 3:15).

Conclusion: In salvation, Christ spoils:

1. Satan's goods
 2. Satan's house
 3. Satan's dwelling place
 4. Satan's palace
 5. Satan's throne.
- Let us read again very carefully Luke 11, verses 20 thru 23. Amen and Amen!

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