



Picking Sides

Luke 11:14-26

Sermon Study Notes

Spiritual commitment brings spiritual conflict. Discipleship means spiritual warfare.

If you decide to follow Jesus, there's going to be a price to pay. Obedient discipleship will always result in demonic opposition.

I. A Compassionate Action

Jesus can restore you no matter how mangled your situation. Jesus can redeem you no matter how marred your soul.

II. A Confident Accusation

You can reject Jesus by misappropriating the source of His power and by misunderstanding the significance of His power.

III. A Competent Answer

A divided kingdom reveals destruction. A divided house reveals disaster.

IV. A Compelling Analogy

It takes Someone stronger than Satan to defeat Satan.

V. A Conclusive Assertion

There's no neutral ground. There are no degrees of dead. Physical Death + Spiritual Death = Eternal Death

VI. A Convicting Admonition

The great danger is not that you're going to go out and start worshiping Satan; the great danger is that you'll clean up without filling up. An empty life, like an empty house, invites intruders.

The Pursuit of Cultural Morality:

1. Is outside the church's divine mandate.
2. Wastes time, money, and resources trying to make people become what they cannot be apart from salvation.
3. Is doomed to inevitable failure.
4. Misunderstands the kingdom of God.
5. Attempts to bring about moral change apart from the gospel.
6. Divorces morality from theology.
7. Fails to understand correctly the reference to salt and light.
8. Has no New Testament model except that of the Pharisees.
9. Creates unholy unions with unbelievers and enemies of the gospel.
10. Causes those who pursue it to be selective in the sins they oppose.
11. Fails to understand the true nature of spiritual warfare.
12. Cultivates hostility toward those whom the church is commanded to reach with the gospel of love.
13. Brings persecution and hatred of Christians for the wrong reasons.
14. Reverses the divine order by making morality the power for salvation.
15. Fails to understand the wrath of God.

Reformation without regeneration leads to eternal ruin.