

MATTHEW 12: 22-32

THE KINGDOM OF SATAN

Introduction:

Our Lord was a master teacher. He seized every opportunity to impress upon His disciples an important lesson. The foolish suggestion of His critics that He cast demons out by the power of Beelzebul was such a moment. He used it as an opportunity to emphasize the seriousness of their sin, and to reveal the very nature of the kingdom of Satan. As the Prince of the Kingdom of heaven He possessed a clear understanding of the nature of the kingdom of Satan.

This word from the Prince should help us. We still confront the same kingdom of evil.

- I. THE KINGDOM OF SATAN OPPOSES THE RULE OF GOD.
 1. His kingdom is unified in purpose.
 2. His kingdom is persistent in purpose.
- II. THE KINGDOM OF SATAN HOLDS MEN AS CAPTIVES.
 1. He is strong.
 2. Humans are his trophies.
- III. THE KINGDOM OF SATAN SUFFERS DEFEAT BEFORE THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

1. Jesus opposed his kingdom in the power of the Spirit.
2. The power of the Spirit is the expression of the kingdom of God.

IV. THE KINGDOM OF SATAN REJECTS THE CLAIMS OF THE LORD JESUS.

1. Those who reject the claims of Christ reject the witness of the Spirit.
2. Those who reject the witness of the Spirit align themselves with the kingdom of Satan.