

## Salvation is NOT by Association – Part 4 – The Deceit of Sincerity

### Luke 11:14-28

14 And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute; when the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed.

**Luke 14:4.** But they kept silent. And He took hold of him and healed him, and sent him away.

### Luke 11:15-28

15 But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons." 16 Others, to test Him, were demanding of Him a sign from heaven.

17 But He knew their thoughts and said to them, "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and a house divided against itself falls. 18 If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. 19 And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? So they will be your judges. 20 But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, **then the kingdom of God has come upon you.**

21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are undisturbed.

22 But when **someone stronger** (*Jesus*) than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away from him all his armor on which he had relied and distributes his plunder.

23 He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters.

24 "When the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and not finding any, it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'

25 And when it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. 26 Then it goes and takes along seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first."

27 While Jesus was saying these things, one of the women in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You and the breasts at which You nursed."

28 **But He said**, "ON THE CONTRARY, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."

### **Acts 16:16-18**

16 It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling. 17 Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, "**These men are bond-servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation.**" 18 She continued doing this **for many days**. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and turned and said to **the spirit**, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out at that very moment.

**John 17:17.** Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.