

“ADJ - Spiritual Warfare Part 2” (8-14-22)

Introduction: Spiritual Warfare part 2

Main Text: Luke chapter 4

Jesus comes to his home town, finds a specific spot in Isaiah (chapter 61) and reads . . .

Luke 4:18-21 (ESV)

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

- **Last Week - Satan & his role (Destruction through lies)**
- **Today - Jesus is the Key to Spiritual Warfare**

1) Jesus - Defines Spiritual Warfare

Luke 4:18-19 (NKJV)

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the broken hearted; to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

- Preach the gospel to the Poor
- Heal broken hearted
- Liberty to the captives
- Recovery of sight to the blind
- Set at liberty the oppressed (bruised / crushed)
- Proclaim the year of the Lord's favor

2) Jesus - Provides Spiritual Victory

- **Faced Satan's attack - without sinning!**

Luke 4:1-2, 13 (ESV)

(1) And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness (2) for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry . . . (13) And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

- **Taught truth with authority**

Luke 4:14-15 (ESV)

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

- **Brought freedom & healing**

Luke 4:31-32 (ESV)

And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority.

Jesus get's interrupted when a man with a demon cries out. He silences the demon, frees the man from possession, and he is now calm & unharmed . . .

Luke 4:36 (ESV)

And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!"

Jesus - faced lies with truth, taught truth with real power, put that truth into action to rescue & heal

3) **Jesus - Kill him or Crown him**

Back to Nazareth - they are amazed yet questioning him . . .

Luke 4:24 (ESV)

And (Jesus) said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown."

Jesus then gives 2 examples: (vs. 25-27)

- Elijah during famine a foreign widow is fed
- Elisha lepers in Israel, yet it was Naaman (Syrian) healed

Jesus says - the problem starts at home!

The church is so quick to see Spiritual Warfare in regards to external enemies, but the cleansing needs to start at home!

- Our personal doctrine & practice
- Then the Church's doctrine & practice
- Then the World is in need of Spiritual Healing

Will we look in the mirror?

Luke 4:28-30 (ESV)

When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, he went away.

Conclusion: The enemy speaks lies - will we co-operate with them to our destruction?

Jesus speaks truth - will we know & follow Him for our healing & freedom?

For Reflection & Application: **Psalm 18**