

1. Intro

- Parallel passages to today's text: Matthew 12:22-32, Mark 3:20-30, Luke 12:10
 - Teaching on the "unpardonable sin" or the sin that will never be forgiven.
- In today's text, Jesus warns the crowds following Him that there is spiritual warfare happening in this world and people are on one side or the other. They are with God or they are with Satan; they are in God's kingdom or Satan's kingdom.

2. Text: Luke 11:14-28

Luke 11:14-16

- Jesus again demonstrates He has **power** and **authority** over Satan and demons.
- Demons are **real**.
- Some in the crowd observed Jesus and **accused** Him of casting out the demon by the power of **Satan**, the prince of demons.

- Matthew 12:22-32

- The "unpardonable sin" is when a person clearly hears truth from Jesus and sees His amazing acts, but then utterly rejects the truth that the Holy Spirit revealed to him and actually even attributes Jesus' works to Satan.

- Those who have committed the unpardonable sin are not worried about it. They are hardened in their unbelief. So if you are worried that you have committed the unpardonable sin, that is a great sign that you have not committed it! If you are ashamed of your sin against God, then you have not committed the unpardonable sin.

- We've ALL sinned, but God in His mercy and kindness sent Jesus Christ to rescue us. All who believe in Him will be forgiven and saved from hell.

- Ephesians 2:1, 4-5, 8:

- **1** "Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins."
- **4** "But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, **5** that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)"
- **8** "God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God."

Luke 11:17-22

- Jesus uses **illustrations** and **logic** to show that He was not empowered by Satan.
 - It would make no sense for Jesus to cast out Satan's demons if Jesus was on Satan's side.
- Jesus led the crowd to the conclusion that He was indeed from God's kingdom; He was indeed the Messiah!
 - In Jesus' story, Satan is the "strong man" and Jesus is the "one even stronger".

Luke 11:23

- Jesus warned and challenged the crowd that people are either on **His** side or **Satan's** side; there is no in-between.
 - **John 10:10** says "The thief's (Satan's) purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."

Luke 11:24-28

- An unbeliever is not filled with God's Spirit and is on Satan's side; therefore, he/she is completely **vulnerable** to Satanic influence and to demonic possession.
- Jesus gave a counter blessing and said **all** will be blessed who hear the word of God and put it into **practice**.

3. Application

- Have you reflected on the serious reality that all people everywhere are either in God's kingdom or Satan's kingdom? Every soul will be with God or Satan for eternity.
 - The Great Commission is not the Great Suggestion. Souls are on the line, and we have the message of salvation that we desperately NEED to get to all people!
- For those still seeking God: now that you've heard there are only 2 sides - God's or Satan's - whose side are you on?
 - **Joshua 24:15** "But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD."
- For those of us who have trusted in Jesus as our Savior, are we truly devoted to listening to His Word and putting it into practice? Are we ALL-IN?