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ADVERSITY IN THE MIDST OF SPIRITUAL FREEDOM

Luke 11:14-28

- I. Jesus drives out a demon. (14-16)
 - A. The crowd was amazed.
 - B. Some gave credit to Beelzebub - the prince of demons.
 - C. Others asked for a sign from heaven.
- II. Jesus uses this opportunity to teach about spiritual warfare.
 - A. Jesus gives four lessons concerning spiritual warfare: (17-26)
 1. There is no 'partial commitment.' (17-20)
 2. There is no guarantee from our own efforts of 'self defense.' (21-22)
 3. There is no 'neutrality' in spiritual warfare. (23)
 4. There is no 'lasting victory' the enemy always returns ... and returns stronger than before. (24-26)
 - B. Jesus identifies those who are truly blessed. (27-28)
 1. Surprisingly – not those who are used by God to accomplish His will. (27)
 2. True and lasting blessing comes from hearing the Word of God and living a life of total and complete obedience. (28)
- III. Application:
 1. Take some time to evaluate your commitment ... make yourself aware of the freedom Christ provides?
 2. Take some time to evaluate your defenses ... you can not succeed by yourself?
 3. Take some time to evaluate your participation in Christ's work... if you are not involved working for Christ then your lack of involvement is actually working against Him.
 4. Take some time to evaluate that you are still involved in a spiritual battle ... the enemy always returns, and the next battle may be more intense.
 5. Take some time to evaluate the security of your offense and defense ... obedience to God's Word.

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*Hymn No. 26 *A Mighty Fortress*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe—
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He—
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same—
and He must win the battle.

And tho this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim— we tremble not for Him;
His rage we can endure; for lo! his doom is sure—
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thru Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still—
His kingdom is forever.

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¹⁷ Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: “Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. ¹⁸ If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebub. ¹⁹ Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. ²⁰

But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you.

²¹ “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. ²² But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils.

²³ “He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters.

²⁴ “When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ ²⁵ When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. ²⁶ Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first.”

²⁷ As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, “Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.”

²⁸ He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”

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Luke 11:14-28

Jesus Drives Out a Demon

*Hymn No. 484 *Who is on the Lord's Side* (vs. 1, 3, 4)

Who is on the Lord's side? Who will serve the King?
Who will be His helpers, other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world's side? Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord's side? Who for Him will go?
*By thy call of mercy, by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side—Savior, we are Thine!*

Jesus, thou hast bought us, not with gold or gem,
but with Thine own life-blood, for thy diadem.
With thy blessing filling each who comes to thee.
Thou has made us willing; Thou hast made us free.

*By thy grand redemption, by Thy grace divine
We are on the Lord's side—Savior, we are Thine!*

Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the foe,
but the King's own army none can overthrow.
Round His standard ranging, vict'ry is secure,
for His truth unchanging makes the triumph sure.

*Joyfully enlisting, by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side—Savior, we are Thine!*

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace
whose mind is stayed on Thee.”
~ When the shadows come and darkness falls,
He giveth inward peace.
O He is the only perfect resting place,
He giveth perfect peace,
“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace
whose mind is stayed on Thee”

Offering of Thanks and Praise

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*Postlude

Spiritual Warfare

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 326 *Softly and Tenderly* (vs. 1 and 4)

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.
*Come home, Come home, Ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!*

O for the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.
*Come home, Come home, Ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!*

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