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Matthew 12:22-24 ---- ²²Then a demon (daimion) oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. ²³And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?" ²⁴But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons that this man casts out demons (daimion)."

Beelzebub comes from the Greek word (Beelzeboul) and is of Aramaic origin, from Strong's Concordance it means Lord of the house or a name of satan. Beelzebub was a Philistine deity worshipped at Ekron who was Baal-zebub lord of the fly. Throughout this story the King James Bible uses the word devils rather than demons but this is not the best translation since the original Greek word is daimonion which is translated to our English word demon and not the Greek word diabolos which is translated to our English word devil. Most modern Bibles have correctly used the word demon rather than devils. Throughout the Bible the word demon (daimion) is almost always related to sickness.

The Jews believed a demon to be an evil inferior deity that possessed the mind and the heart and by its evil influences cause blindness, deafness, the inability to speak and any sickness, disease and illness (physical or mental) that they did not understand, whereas devil (diabolos) relates more to a wicked and corrupt character. The Pharisees accuse Jesus of casting demons out of the blind and mute man by the power of Beelzebub, but there is no such god as Beelzebub he only exists in the mind of those that have a belief that he exists. Beelzebub is not a god in real life, but is only created in the imagination of the mind by strong belief that such a deity does exist.

If Satan casts out Satan He is Divided against Himself.

Matthew 12:25-29 ---- ²⁵Knowing their (the Pharisees) thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. ²⁶And if satan casts out satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁸But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²⁹Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house.

Jesus knew the Pharisees thoughts, he knew how and what they believed, remember even today people believe many different things, but that does not mean that they are true. Jesus spoke to the Pharisees, according to what they believed he did not try to prove that there is no such god as Beelzebub because Beelzebub is very real, to the mind that believes he is real. This is why Jesus speaks to them according to what they believe.

In the mind of the Pharisees Beelzebub the lord of the flies was considered the king or chief god over demons. They must in some sense have believed they were also able to cast out demons from people, most likely through religious ceremonial rites and various types of chanting and incantations or torture as was common during the religious ancient and early ages. Jesus uses common sense and logic with the Pharisees by asking "If I am going to cast out demons by the power of satan then your disciples must be doing the same thing, but if I cast out demons by the power of God then God's Kingdom has come to you.

Jesus and his miracles: Jesus shows by his power that he is greater than any evil god the Pharisees believe existed. The Scriptures say that Jesus miracles were to testify that Jesus is the Son of God and sent by God. Jesus did not need to explain his miracles the fact they miraculously achieved what he said they would was proof enough that God the Father's favour was upon him and that God's Spirit was working with him. Jesus speaks to the Pharisees using common sense, he basically tells them that his deliverance really works it heals and cures people as opposed to the Pharisees ceremonial practices, chanting's or rituals of casting out demons.

The Pharisees see standing before their very eyes a blind and mute man seeing and speaking the evidence and proof of who Jesus power was standing in their midst and being the religious leaders of Israel should have not only understood that Jesus power was from God, but also that he was their Messiah the Christ sent by God. Jesus continues his conversation using common sense and logic by asking the Pharisees, "Why would satan the chief of demons (as they believed) cast out his own workers (the demons) surely he would want his demons to remain inhabiting the minds and hearts of people to corrupt and bring ruin to their lives and thereby extend his own evil kingdom.

Jesus by his power to cast out demons was showing that the Pharisees practice of casting out demons was false, when Jesus healed people of demons there was always an instant outward visible dramatic and miraculous result that everyone watching witnessed without any doubt that a stunning miracle had taken place. Added to this Jesus healings were permanent those who were healed remained cured regardless of their faith. The Pharisees practice of casting out demons was probably a very similar ritual as some religions practice today it is almost certain they would have been mixed with mystical, superstitions and perhaps some achieved a certain emotional and placebo benefit.

The Strong Man.

thought the practice principle of binding up a strong man before his house can be plundered and his goods stolen applies to any strong man in this story the strong man primarily applies to the following two things: -

1. The chief priests, the Pharisees and scribes who were the religious rulers and keepers of the Jewish faith of Israel at this time, but had become prideful, hypocritical, dogmatic and legalistic so much so that they made it almost impossible for the people seeking God to find Him and when they did find God the chief priests, the Pharisees and scribes turned them into an even worse proselyte and disciple than they were.

These rulers had the authority and power over the temple, the priesthood, the scrolls of Scripture and over the people of Israel and in this sense they were acting as a strong man. Jesus death and resurrection totally stripped them of all their authority, power and control since no one seeking God needs a human priest or a temple since Jesus is the perfect and eternal High Priest of God and it is in Jesus that God is building His spiritual temple made up of Jews and Gentiles alike.

2. To the law of sin and death. The entire focus of this chapter is upon breaking the law and sin. The strong man that Jesus came to destroy was the law of sin and death. This law states that whoever SINS is guilty of breaking the law and therefore condemned to eternal death. Jesus destroyed the condemnation of this law (the strong man) by living a sinless life unto death and laying his life down for us all so that we could be saved by grace and not by works of the law.

Because a man is unable to speak and is blind, the Pharisees believed he was possessed by an evil inferior deity called a demon (daimion). They also accuse Jesus and John the Baptist of having demons.

- Jesus said, "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they (the crowds) say, 'He has a demon'" (Matt. 11:18).
- For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you (the Pharisees and the lawyers) say, 'He has a Demon' (Luke 7:33).
- Many of the Jews said, "He (Jesus) has a demon and is insane; why listen to him?" (John 10:20).

The diagnosis of the Pharisee, lawyers and many of the Jews was wrong concerning Jesus and John the Baptist so why should their diagnosis be correct on other occasions. The verse says, "Jesus healed him" it is the Pharisees that say Jesus cast out demons (daimions) by Beelzebub.

NOTICE: Beelzebub, demons and satan are all interchangeable terms.

Jesus knew their false thoughts and false belief that Beelzebub the lord of the flies (also called satan) as an evil deity only exists in the imagination of the minds of those who believe he exists so he speaks to them accordingly, he does not try to prove these inferior gods do not exist, but rather reasons with them using common logic, showing that if what they believed was true, then their reasoning that Jesus is using the power of one of these evil inferior gods or demons does not make sense.

The Human Mind.

Very strong belief in an idol or false god creates the reality of that idol on the imagination of the human mind and heart. This is because the human nervous system does not have a mind of its own, it responds to whatever the picture is on the imagination of the mind, whether that picture is real or imaginary. If the idol or god people believe in is one of judgment and wrath their nervous system will feel emotions of fear and condemnation whereas if the idol or god people believe in is one of love and forgiveness their nervous system will feel emotions of love and acceptance.

This is why it is important to read the Bible to know who God is and not trust in feelings and emotions since they can never be used as evidence that someone believes in the one true God. This does not mean we should deny emotions and feelings since they are a very important part of human nature and joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit. Healthy emotions are good and should be embraced, but never used as evidence that what we are being taught or have been taught is the truth. This is why God has given us an intellect, commonsense, logic and the ability to reason. The Bible is the only book that presents every detail of God's Spirit, character, nature and of His eternal plans and purposes.

Jesus in this chapter uses logic and the common language and spoke according to what people believed during his generation. Jesus does not try to prove that they had an intellectually wrong belief, but rather uses the miraculous power of God's Spirit flowing through him to prove that he was who he claimed to be Israel Messiah the Christ and Son of God the Saviour of the world. Anyone seeing the specular miracles Jesus did should not have needed any teaching to prove he was the Christ all the prophets said was to come and who all the Scriptures speak of. Jesus the Son of God and master of all wisdom and the human mind understood that when a human mind strongly believes a thing, that thing will be very real to the person who believes it, whether that thing is true or not. Beelzebub was a very real and powerful image in the imagination of those who lived during his generation.

This belief was created by false religions and no-doubt grew in strength over years of history and tradition and in this manner made very real in the mind and heart by a very strong cultural belief that Beelzebub was a very real evil spiritual entity, but in reality there has never been a god of the flies named Beelzebub especially one that had any real power as God and the Lord Jesus Christ do.

NOTE: the false concept that there are two super gods one evil and one good battling for word supremacy was adopted from pagan and Babylonian religions. Early in the Old Testament God warned the men of Israel not to mix or marry woman outside the Jewish nation. The men of Israel did not obey this law and constantly married women of other cultures who not only worshipped other gods, but also had a multitude of superstitious and pagan beliefs. This resulted in the Jews embracing many false ideas about God Beelzebub was one of these false concepts. Beelzebub was a philistine deity worshipped at Ekron and only one example of the many pagan concepts the Jews adopted over the centuries that the wives and nations of the pagan religions that they married into believed.

During Jesus generation anyone who was blind, unable to speak or who had any other ailment (physically or mentally) that the people did not understand was believed to have demons (daimion) who possessed their bodies and caused the deformities and abnormalities in their body or mind. Today modern medicine and surgery or laser treatment can in many cases cure those unable to speak, those with blindness and many other sicknesses that were believed to be a result of demons. This must cause those who believe that demons are a real spirit evil deity to ask the following two questions: -

- 1 Does this mean that unbelieving surgeons have the ability to surgically remove the demons with their scalpels?
- 2 Does this mean, as the sick take modern medicines and medical tablets with a glass of water that either cure or control certain illness that were once believed to be the result of demon possession that the demons flee the body when they see these pills descending down a person's throat?

The blind in Tibet are believed to be possessed with demons: during the time of Jesus and the apostles anything the people did not understand they believed to be caused by inferior evil demonic gods they called demons. Even today (2005) in some areas of Tibet blind people, are still believed to be possessed with demons. In 2005 a truly amazing blind and courageous English girl about twenty-five years old pioneered schools for the blind in Tibet because she cared for the blind in that country and was angered at the way they were treated. Her schools would take the blind in and show them love, kindness and care in contrast to the rejection they experienced by much of Tibetan society, because of their belief that blindness was a result of demon possession.

Mental disorders in New Testament times were believed to be a result of demon (daimion) possession. Today many of these illnesses can be controlled and in some cases cured by surgery and certain medical drugs. Most things the people of Jesus era did not understand and that had a negative effect on humans were credited or believed to be the result of evil deities or gods called demons. Some modern churches today, still believe in this false theory most likely because of a lack of understanding the Bible or a lack of questioning traditional belief. They have those in leadership or each other cast out demons of toothache, headache, sore throats broken toes and, many other natural sickness that can all be cured with the correct medicine or will naturally heal themselves over a period of time.

The story of Beelzebub is also found in (Mark 3:22-27) (Luke 11:14-22).

For further information see the title: -

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