

THE “BEELZEBUB” CONTROVERSY

(Luke 11:14-28)

A. JESUS TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES’ A ‘PATTERN’ FOR PRAYER (Luke 11:1-4)

B. JESUS ENCOURAGES PRAYER WITH A PARABLE (Luke 11:5-13)

C. JESUS IS ACCUSED OF USING DEMONIC POWER (Luke 11:14-28)

1. In this section two groups of people are identified:

a. *First* there were those who flat out _____ the Christ, by seeking to _____ His work and character by actually accusing Him of casting out demons in the power of Satan. (vv. 14-15)

b. *Secondly* there were those _____ who were sitting on the fence waiting for another miraculous sign from heaven before they would even think about believing. (v. 16)

* With the same situation described in Matthew 12:22-30, what is the unpardonable sin mentioned in verses 31-32?

2. Jesus knowing their thoughts, showed His critics the utter absurdity of their line of reasoning, and He did so with three arguments...

a. Satan would _____ fight against _____ and his own kingdom. (vv. 17-18)

b. Their charges were self-incriminating, because _____ were casting out demons; it only stands to reason God’s kingdom was going up against Satan’s kingdom. (vv. 19-20)

c. Jesus’ opponents’ accusations were really an admission of His own divine power, because He would be _____ to defeat Satan unless He was _____ than him. (vv. 21-22)

3. Jesus drew a proverbial line in the sand for both His _____ and those sitting on the fence _____, "*He who is not with Me is against Me.*" (v. 23)

* What does this say to those who are waiting to trust Christ some other day?

4. This parable pictured the precarious condition of the nation, if it remained _____ or _____ regarding Christ, it would remain an easy target for Satan. (vv. 24-26)

5. _____ (cleaning up one's life) does not equal _____ (being born again by the Spirit of God).

6. A woman from the crowd was obviously moved by Jesus' teaching, but in her emotional interruption she wanted to give His earthly mother the _____ for His great _____. (v. 27)

7. In Jesus' own words, family relationships were not of supreme importance, what took precedent was whether a person _____ the Word of God taught and _____ it, and _____ it. (v. 28)

* How can you personally apply this truth?