

In Luke 11:14-26 we find Jesus interacting with the religious leaders of his day around the subject of the spirit realm. Jesus affirms that there is a spirit reality that is seeking to influence the world in which we live. Throughout the text we discover a single truth coming to the surface ... Jesus is GREATER.

Sermon Outline:

Ephesians 6:12 "For we do not wrestle against **flesh and blood**"

Spirit (pneuma) breath, blast of air

Key ideas:

1. God is spirit
2. We are spirit (living in a body)
3. There are other spirits (angels / demons)
4. * Spirits seek a physical body through which they can influence a physical world.

We should not fear what is **OUT THERE**.
We should guard what gets **IN HERE**.

READ Luke 11:14

- Some physical, mental relationship, financial issues are spiritual in nature.
- We may misdiagnose the source ... Jesus never does.

Luke 11:17-20

- A divided kingdom will fall.
- Strength and weapons determine victory.

Jesus claims to be GREATER. That is why the evil spirits must obey!

Eph. 6:10 "be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armour of God."

We do not battle evil in our strength, but with **His strength and weapons**.

Luke 11:24-26

1. It will try to come back
2. The way to remain free is to ensure there is no vacancy.

Conclusion: We do not live in fear of spirits out there; we seek to be constantly filled with His spirit so there is no room for anything else.

Suggested Discussion Questions:

Share a ghost story.

- Have you ever experienced the supernatural?
- Would you say that you live in fear of what is OUT THERE?
- Is it helpful to know that spirits seek physical bodies through which they can influence the world?
- In what ways do you think spirits influence us? How can we know which spirit is influencing us?
- Principle – a divided kingdom will fall. How can you apply this principle to your life right now?

We do not battle evil in our strength, but with **His strength and weapons**.

- What are His weapons and how could they be used in your life right now (hint: Ephesians 6:10-20)

Jesus indicates that the evil spirit will try to come back.

- Have you seen or experienced this in your life or in the life of others?

Jesus also indicates that there is something that must be done after a person is set free. They must be filled with a better, stronger spirit.

- In what ways can we allow God's spirit and God's truth to permeate every part of our soul?

Additional Reading / Devotions:

- Physical / Spiritual (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)
- Yield you body to God and not to sin (Rom 6:12-13)
- Ephesians 6:10-20