Luke 11:14-32

“Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me!”

1. **Intro:**
1.1. Did you know that if you have a milk cow it isn’t more considerate to milk her less! - The only thing that happens is the less that is demanded of her, the less milk she provides. The more milk you take the more that is produced.
1.1.1. It is also true of the Christian life! – If you only turn to God when in need, you’ll miss the real joy that flows from a daily infilling of His Spirit.
1.2. **Intro:** The saw/heard Jesus pray; they asked how to do it; they were taught a model; Jesus ended with the most important prayer point (H.S. vs.13)
1.2.1. We learned we should of course pray for material things, health, & finances; but this isn’t the highest form of praying.
1.2.2. We must graduate to the highest level of praying, asking for the blessings of the Spirit of God that result in Christian Character & conduct that glorify the Lord.

2. **THE SECRET OF POWER OVER DEMONS!** (14-26)
2.1. **THE MIRACLE!** (14)
2.2. Miracles do not convict people of sin or give them faith for salvation.¹
2.2.1. Even here some marveled (14), & some accused Jesus of being in league w/the devil (15).
2.3. **THE PROBLEM!** (15-20)
2.4. 2 Attacks on Jesus: (15,16)
2.4.1. 1st Attack – “You get your power from Satan!”
2.4.1.1. Van Halen’s song “Running with the devil” comes to mind. Yeah, that’s what they were accusing Him of!
2.4.2. 2nd Attack – “We want a sign from you.”
2.4.2.1. 1st is answered in vs.17-26.
2.4.2.2. 2nd is answered down in vs.29-32.
2.5. A false statement of the secret of His power.
2.5.1. Beelzebub (Lord of the flies; from 2 Kings 1:1-3)
2.5.2. Beelzebul (Lord of the house) [better translation here]
2.5.2.1. Lord of the house relates to vs.18-26.
2.6. (17-19) Jesus shows how illogical it would be for Satan to fight against himself.

2.6.1. Satan does have a kingdom, & Jesus has invaded it & conquered it.

2.6.1.1. Eph.2:1,2 “you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.” (NIV)

2.6.1.2. Col.2:15 “Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.” (cuz Cross)

2.7. (20) With the finger of God –

2.7.1. Matthew’s account gives different wording, “by the Spirit of God”. [12:28]

2.7.2. By using this synonymous term, Jesus says he is in league with the Holy Spirit of God.

2.8. THE ANALOGY! (21,22)

2.9. The strong man is the Devil; & Jesus is stronger than he!

2.9.1. And this is how He is able to cast the demon out.

2.9.2. And what was the secret of His superior power? The Spirit of God, the finger of God!

2.10. This is Jesus complete mastery over Satan.

2.11. INDECISION! (23)

2.12. More dangerous than open hostility is attempted neutrality.

2.13. You can receive Christ, or reject Him, but you can’t ignore Him!

2.13.1. “The same sun melts ice & hardens clay, though it merely shines on both.”

2.14. PART WAY IS NO WAY! (24-26)

2.15. The imperfect cures of the Jewish Exorcists.

2.15.1. If you expel a demon, you must replace it w/a more powerful source of strength.

2.16. Reformation is not Regeneration!

2.16.1. A pig that cleans himself up a bit is still a pig!

2.16.1.1. He needs a new nature to no longer be a pig.

2.16.2. We are all born with a corrupt nature (it is corrupt in its thoughts, affections, & its will)

2.16.2.1. So the spiritual rebirth gives a new nature, a new mind, a new intellectual nature that is no longer blind to the truth of God.

2.16.3. We get new tastes, new loves, instead of loving the things that displease God, we now love what pleases God.

2.16.3.1. God imparts His own nature into man.

2.17. Again, it’s a Spirit issue.

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1 Warren Wiersbe; Outlines on the N.T.
3. **THE SECRET OF KINSHIP WITH GOD!** (27-28)

3.1. **PHYSICAL RELATIONSHIP VS. SPIRITUAL!**

3.2. Blessed, or “oh how happy” is your mom! – Yes she is, but more than that how happy is anyone who hears Gods words & puts them into practice! 😊

3.3. Matthew tells us this is the occasion when His mother came, & wanted to persuade Him to go home.

3.3.1. This is probably what prompted this woman to say this about Mary.

3.4. When debating about Mary with friends, don’t put Mary down, simply raise all believers up, as Jesus does here.

3.5. Wow, *kinship* with You is supreme! – No, more important is relationship created by the Spirit.

3.5.1. It is a higher relationship which creates closer ties then even family.

4. **THE SECRET OF INTERPRETATION OF THE SPIRIT!** (29-32)

4.1. **SIGN SEEKERS!** (29,30)

4.2. Now He answers vs.16. – And it is a rebuke for asking for a material or spectacular sign which only proves their unbelief & refusal to accept the evidence.

4.2.1. Such seeking proves this generation is evil!

4.3. One sign – “as Jonah was 3 days and 3 nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be 3 days and 3 nights in the heart of the earth” 𝑀t.12:40

4.3.1. Why was His death, burial & res such a powerful sign? Better yet, when did this become such a powerful sign?

4.3.2. Actually it wasn’t until after his death, & after His resurrection.

4.3.3. His cross scattered them; His resurrection gathered back again.

4.3.4. But they never really came to a place of complete comprehension until what? - Pentecost, until the Spirit came, did they really understand this sign.

4.4. Next He challenges His hearers that He is greater than one of their prophets(Jonah) & one of Israel’s most important characters in Jewish history, the monarch under whom their nation had reached its zenith among world powers. “greatest king, smartest man(wrote Prov.1-29), & wealthiest king”.

4.5. **GREATER THAN SOLOMON; GREATER THAN JONAH!** (31,32)

4.6. Solomon & all of his Fame, Wisdom, Wealth, & Influence was not enough.

4.7. Jonah & all of his preaching was not enough.


4.9. If Gentiles like the Queen of Sheba & the people of Nineveh believed on the basis of the message God gave them…how much more should the Jews of that day repent, having seen all He did & heard His messages.
4.9.1. Nineveh heard, “yet 40 days & Nineveh shall be overthrown.”

4.9.1.1. Nineveh heard the “bad news” & repented; this generation heard the “good news” & won’t???

4.9.2. Privilege always brings about responsibility.

4.10. So why should this generation stand condemned? – What was their sin? Indifference. They wouldn’t repent at Jesus’ preaching!

4.11. END:

4.12. In all 3 of these incidents the central ingredient is The Holy Spirit.

4.13. [1] The Spirit is the secret of Jesus’ power!


4.15. [3] The ultimate sign is given by the interpretation of The Spirit!

4.16. They saw Him pray & they desired the secret; He gave them the model & showed them that the ultimate in prayer is the reception of the Spirit initially & continuously; The Holy Spirit is the secret of power over demons; the secret of kinship w/God; & the secret of the greatest sign.²

4.17. You & I, if we have spiritual relationship with God, have the most powerful of Spirits; & also spiritual understanding & illumination into the things of life & godliness!

4.17.1. Paul asked an important question to a dozen disciples in Ephesus, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” (Acts 19:1-7)

4.18. Remember the milk cow in the beginning? – Milk away!

4.18.1. The Holy Spirit loves providing all you need for life & godliness.

4.18.2. Be Careful! – He is intensely sensitive against sin (you can grieve Him)

4.18.3. Know! - Every time we read our bible it is possible to have this Divine Person, the author of the book, to interpret it to us, & to teach us its real & innermost meaning.

² G. Campbell Morgan; Luke; pg.145.