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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

June 6, 2011

Rebuilding / (Restoration): Is it God or Satan?

MATTHEW 12:43-45 NLT – (43) “When an evil spirit leaves a person, it goes into the desert, seeking rest but finding none. (44) Then it says, ‘I will return to the person I came from.’ So it returns and finds its former home empty, swept, and in order. (45) Then the spirit finds seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before. That will be the experience of this evil generation.”

Jesus shows the condition of those on earth that live in unbelief. For He compares us then and even now to a man who had found deliverance from a demon (an evil spirit). After the man was delivered, he tried by every *natural means* to clean up his life and set things in order. But mere “*religion*” is never effective so the man lacked a supernatural conversion. Consequently he was subject to evil ownership again with more serious consequences. Instead of one demon possessing him, he became possessed by seven other spirits. His latter condition was worse than his former. Many people are in danger of this happening to them today because of their attempts at restoration, without the power of God, were sterile. Many clearly do not understand God’s power, for they have confused the power of the Spirit with the power of Satan. Thus they end up wide open targets for Satan.

This parable represents the case of the Jewish church and nation. It is also applicable to all those who hear the word of God, and are in part reformed, but not truly converted. The unclean spirit leaves for a time, but when he returns, he finds Christ is not there to shut him out; the heart is swept by outward restoration, but garnished by preparation to comply with evil suggestions, and the man becomes more of a decided enemy of the truth. The heart is the residence of unclean spirits, except those which are temples of the Holy Ghost, by faith in Christ.

Daily prayer, Spiritual guidance (sanctification) and Repentance is the key through Christ alone, not self!

SCRIPTURE READING

PHILIPPIANS 3

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Holy Bible....absolutely, inspiring and final!

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