

CASTING OUT EVIL SPIRITS
Acts 19:13-20

INTRODUCTION:

- A. God had wrought miracles by the hand of Paul
 - 1) They were "special"
 - 2) They were often initiated by his sweat clothes and his aprons
 - 3) They were of two categories, disease and evil spirits
- B. Certain Jews assumed that "Jesus" was a magic name and tried to cast out demons
 - 1) They were totally incorrect
 - 2) They failed miserably

I. The Act of Exorcism vs. 13-19

- A. The imposters who used the name of Jesus
 - 1) "vagabond" = perierchomai = "to go about", "wander"
 - 2) "exorists" = exorkistes = "one who uses an oath", "one who by adjuration professes to expel demons"
 - 3) They cast out evil spirits by binding them
- B. They were self-appointed
 - 1) "took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus"
 - 2) "We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preached"
 - 3) "adjure" = horkizo = "to cause to swear", "to lay under obligation of an oath", "to beseech"

C. They were religious vs. 14

- 1) There were seven sons
- 2) Their father was a Chief Priest

D. The response of the spirit vs. 15

- 1) "Jesus I know" = ginosko = "I recognize"
- 2) "Paul I know" = eristamai = "I am acquainted"
- 3) "but who are you"

E. The response of the man vs. 16

- 1) He leaped on them = hephallomai = "to spring upon as a panther"
- 2) He overcame them = katakurieuo = "to become the master", "to subdue"
- 3) He prevailed against them = hischuo = "to be strong", "to overcome"
- 4) He drove them from the house
- 5) "wounded" = traumatizo = "traumatized", "to hurt", "to damage"

II. The Response of the General Public vs. 17-20

- A. All the people in Ephesus heard about it
 - 1) The Jews and Greeks heard
 - 2) All those living in Ephesus
- B. They were filled with fear
 - 1) "fear fell on them all"
 - 2) "there was wide-spread awe"
- C. They magnified the name of Jesus
 - 1) "the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified"
 - 2) megaluno = "to make large" (respected)

III. The Response of Many Believers vs. 18

- A. Many came and confessed
 - 1) They, "shewed their deeds"
 - 2) "made public statements of their sins and all their acts"
 - 3) They had continued their acts of superstition and magic after their salvation
- B. Many burned their books on magic vs. 19
 - 1) "curious arts" = periergor = "all around", "working", "overdoing", "meddling into the affairs of others", "over curious and looking too deeply into things not their business". "Magic"
 - 2) They voluntarily brought THEIR books of magic and burned them publicly
 - 3) \$3,000.00 to \$10,000.00 worth
 - 4) We may do as we please with our property

IV. The Power of Doing Right vs. 20

- A. "So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed"
 - 1) "mightily" = kratos = "strength", "might", "power in effect", "force", "superiority"
 - 2) "grew" = hauxano = "to grow". The impf. pictures the continual growth
 - 3) "prevailed" = ischuo = "to be strong", "to have efficacy", "Thus mightily did the Lord's word spread and triumph"
- B. Things they didn't do
 - 1) We aren't hurting anyone
 - 2) This is our own business
 - 3) Sell the books for profit
 - 4) This is just amusement
 - 5) We can use it to win others

V. What Does This Mean To Me?

A. Why are people sick?

- 1) Physiologically induced, the most common
- 2) Psychosomatic induced, from mind to body
- 3) Demon or evil spirit induced
- 4) All things that are evil, come from the evil one. Good comes from God.

B. What can we do today?

- 1) Remember that Satan is an adversary
- 2) Take on the whole armour of God
- 3) Watch and Pray
- 4) Grow in Grace and in the Knowledge
- 5) Let God magnify His power through our suffering
- 6) Use the Bible as our source of instruction
- 7) Don't meddle in the occult

C. Things we must know

- 1) Jesus had special power
- 2) The Apostles had special power
- 3) The early church had special power
- 4) Antichrists will have special power

