

JESUS COMPARES THIS EVIL GENERATION MATT 12:43-45 8/22/18

IN VERSES 43-45 WE SAW THAT THIS GENERATION OF SIGN SEEKERS WILL STAND CONDEMNED IN THE FINAL JUDGEMENT TO SHOW WHAT THEIR CONDITION ON EARTH WOULD BE IF THEY PERSISTED IN UNBELIEF

V43 JESUS COMPARES THEM TO A MAN WHO HAD FOUND DELIVERANCE FROM A DEMON OR AN UNCLEAN SPIRIT AFTER THE MAN WAS DELIVERED HE TRIED TO CLEAN UP HIS LIFE AND SET THINGS IN ORDER HE TRIED TO REFORM HIMSELF REFORMATION IS NOT EFFECTIVE HE LACKED TRANSFORMATION OR SUPERNATURAL CONVERSION THEREFORE HE WAS SUBJECT TO POSSESSION AGAIN WITH MORE SERIOUS RAMIFICATIONS

V44-45 THE DEMON RETURNS AND HE FINDS THE MAN UNOCCUPIED SWEEPED AND PUT IN ORDER HE THEN GOES OUT AND TAKES ALONG WITH IT SEVEN OTHER UNCLEAN SPIRITS MORE WICKED THAN ITSELF NOW INSTEAD OF BEING POSSESSED BY ONE DEMON HE IS NOW POSSESSED BY SEVEN OF THEM

THEY HAD GONE FROM BEING UNRIGHTEOUS TO BEING SELF RIGHTEOUS THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD CHANGE THEMSELVES AND OTHERS THEY SAW NO NEED FOR A SAVIOR

THE LAST CONDITION IS WORST THAN THE FIRST THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THEMSELVES RATHER THAN GOD GAVE THEM THE GLORY YET THEY WERE EMPTY AND HAD NO POWER IN THEMSELVES TO CHANGE THEMSELVES THEY WERE SPIRITUALLY DEAD WHAT WAS MISSING WAS SPIRITUAL LIFE

WERE THERE IS NO SPIRITUAL LIFE DEMONS ARE FREE TO TAKE RESIDENCE CHRISTIANS CANNOT BE INDWELT WITH DEMONS BECAUSE THEY ARE INDWELT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

WHEN SALVATION TAKES PLACE THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES AND INDWELLS YOU RECEIVE NEW LIFE AND ARE DELIVERED FROM SPIRITUAL DEATH AND DEMONS YOU ARE A NEW CREATURE 2COR 5:17

V46 AS JESUS CONCLUDES HIS STATEMENTS HIS MOTHER AND HIS BROTHERS WERE STANDING OUTSIDE WANTING TO SPEAK TO HIM JOHN MAKES IT CLEAR THAT HIS BROTHERS ACTUALLY HALF BROTHERS BORN TO MARY AFTER JESUS WAS BORN AND DID NOT BELIEVE IN HIM BEFORE HIS RESURRECTION JOHN 7:5

V47-48 SOMEONE TELLS JESUS THAT HIS MOTHER AND BROTHERS ARE OUTSIDE SEEKING TO SPEAK TO HIM JESUS SAYS WHO IS MY MOTHER AND WHO ARE MY BROTHERS

V49-50 THEN HE STRETCHES OUT HIS HAND TOWARD HIS DISCIPLES AND SAYS BEHOLD MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS WHAT JESUS IS SAYING IS THAT TRUE DISCIPLES COME NOT THROUGH PHYSICAL RELATIONSHIPS BUT ONLY THROUGH OBEDIENCE TO THE WILL OF THE FATHER

RELIGION AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS DO NOT GET MERIT BEFORE GOD FOLLOWING GOD'S WILL MAKES ONE A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST

SALVATION IS A WORK OF THE FATHER SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT SALVATION PRODUCES A LIFE OF OBEDIENCE TO THE WILL OF GOD WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP EPH 2:10

GOD HAS A PLAN AND A PURPOSE FOR OUR LIVES AND APART FROM HIM WE WILL NOT KNOW WHAT HIS PLAN IS

AN EVIL GENERATION DOES NOT WANT TO KNOW THE WILL OF GOD THEY WANT THEIR WILL TO BE DONE

THANK GOD THAT HE HAS NOT LEFT US TO OURSELVES HE FINISHES THE WORK HE STARTS PHILIP 1:6