

(11) Accused Connection with Beelzebub (Luke 11:14-36)

1. This episode revisits a number of previous accusations and consequent teachings.
 - a. Luke 11:14-15 || Matt. 9:34; 12:24.
 - b. Luke 11:16 || Matt. 12:38 [GM 25] Jesus' Answer to a Demand for a Sign
 - c. Luke 11:17-23 || Matt. 12:25-30; Mk. 3:23-27 [GM24] Jesus Accused of Blasphemy.
 - d. Luke 11:24-26 || Matt. 12:43-45 [GM25] Jesus' Answer to a Demand for a Sign.
 - e. Luke 11:29-32 || Matt. 12:39-42 [GM25] Jesus' Answer to a Demand for a Sign (reversed order)
 - f. Luke 11:33 || Matt. 5:15; Mk. 4:21; Lk. 8:16 [GM27] Famous Parables of the Kingdom.
 - g. Luke 11:34-36 || Matt. 6:22-23 [GM17] Sermon on the Mount.
2. Repeated accusations are useful tools of the adversary for reinforcing misperceptions.
 - a. The patience of Jesus Christ to repeatedly testify to the truth is noteworthy for our emulation.
 - b. Previously the scribes and Pharisees leveled these accusations. Now it appears to be the word on the street as it is the crowds who are hostile to Jesus' miracles (Lk. 11:14 cf. Matt. 12:23-24 & Mk. 3:22).
3. A preview of the coming Mariolatry is immediately rejected (Lk. 11:27-28).
 - a. The proposed proverb is contrary to the Lord's declaration (Lk. 11:28).
 - b. The proposed proverb is also contrary to the Lord's prophesied parable (Lk. 23:29).
4. Even without the aspects of Mariolatry being in view, anyone with a μακάριος misorientation is facing trouble in temporal life.
 - a. Happiness and blessings are interrelated and inseparable.
 - 1) Happiness terms.
 - a) μακαρίζω makarizō #3106_{2x}, μακάριος makarios #3107_{50x}, μακαρισμός makarismos #3108_{3x}.
 - b) אֲשֵׁרֵי 'ashrey from אֲשֵׁר 'esher #835_{44x}.
 - 2) Blessing terms.
 - a) εὐλογέω eulogeō #2127_{41x}, εὐλογητός eulogētos #2128_{8x}, εὐλογία eulogia #2129_{16x}.
 - b) בָּרַךְ barak #1288_{327x}, בָּרַךְ b'arakah #1293_{71x}.
 - b. Rapid survey of happiness and blessing passages.
 - 1) Happiness passages: Deut. 33:29; 1st Kgs. 10:8; Job 5:17; Ps. 1:1; 2:12; 32:1-2; 33:12; 84:4,5,12; 119:1-2; 127:5; 128:1-2; Matt. 5:3-11; 13:16; 16:17; 24:46; Lk. 1:45,48; 11:27,28; 23:29; Acts 20:35; 26:2; Rom. 4:6,7,8,9; 14:22; Tit. 2:13; Jas. 1:12,25; 5:11; 1st Pet. 3:14; 4:14; Rev. 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7; 22:14.
 - 2) Blessing passages: Gen. 1:22,28; 2:3; 5:2; 9:1,26; 12:2,3; 14:19,20; 17:16,20; 18:18; 22:17,18; 24:1,11,27,31,35,48,60; 25:11; 26:3,4,12,24,29; 27:4,7,10,12,19,23,25,27,29,30,31,33,34,35,36,38,41; 28:1,3,4,6,14; 30:27,30; 31:55; 32:26,29; 33:11; 35:9; 39:5; 47:7,10; 48:3,9,15,16,20; 49:25,26,28; Deut. 28:2,3,4,5,6,8,12; Ps. 103:1,2,20,21,22; Rom. 12:14; 1st Cor. 4:12; 1st Pet. 3:9. Also 2nd Cor. 1:3; Eph. 1:3; 1st Pet. 1:3.