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Wednesday, December 30, 2020 - Group Study Lesson Series: Possess Your Soul Lesson Series Text: (John 19:16-18) Lesson 4: A House of Rest Lesson 4 Text: (Luke 11:14-26) All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted. Prepared By Dr. Walter Henderson III

- I. There is some part of man's makeup that can host evil spirits.
 - A. This body is not you, but it is your house.
 - B. The Human makeup has capacity for multiple spirits.
 - C. More than one spirit can exist in one body.
- II. An unclean spirit seeks a house where he can find rest.
 - A. Our bodies allow the spirit(s) to stop wandering.
 - B. The word rest here means intermission.
 - C. Rest also means that the spirit has found a place of agreement.
- III. We must not be ignorant of the fact that Christ must be made the Lord over the soul to maintain a life free from the power of sin. (Mat. 12:43-45; 2 Pet. 2:20-22)
 - A. A person escapes through the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - B. When a person turns from listening and applying the Word of the Lord; the door is open for demonic return.
 - C. They returned to the very thing that initially they wanted to escape.
- IV. Satan's armor must be removed. (*Luke 11:20-22*)
 - A. The Spirit of Christ, as the strong man, came in and took away the armor of Satan, saving and delivering us.
 - B. We heard the Word and believed it.
 - a. Our believing caused us to act on the Word.
 - C. The result being a hearer and doer of the Word was our freedom from Satan.
 - D. Our house was clean and place in order.
- V. How does Satan get back in and find rest?
 - A. Through our thoughts, perceptions, and reasoning.
 - B. In other words, through our thought life.
 - a. (*Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*)
 - C. Unless we repent of our thoughts, that don't agree with the Word of the Lord, we agree to walk with Satan.
 - D. We are to be conformed to the image of Jesus. (*Rom* 8:29 *For whom he did* foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.)
 - E. Therefore, any thought that doesn't conform to the image of Christ must be recognized, acknowledge, and repented of.

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- F. Our house that is swept clean must be occupied by the person of Christ.
- VI. What are some of the possible strongholds that will give Satan rest in our lives?
 - A. Unbelief Any question, argument, or reasoning in our hearts, which is conflict with the Word of the Lord.
 - B. Failure afraid that if I obey the Lord, failure is likely.
 - C. Image as sinner I'm just a sinner saved by grace.
- VII. There are three main sources of stronghold.
 - A. The World System (Eph. 2:2; 6:12)
 - B. Life's Experience (Rom. 8:5-8)
 - C. False teaching (Eph. 4:14)