

Steve Greenberg's Handout, Sunday Morning, January 4, 2025

Week 23: Luke 9:37-62 Jesus Cast Out: Evil Spirit

Luke 9:37-42 A Boy Is Healed (Matt. 17:14–21; Mark 9:14–29)

Luk 9:37 Now it happened on the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, that a great multitude (large crowd) met Him(Jesus).

Luk 9:38 Suddenly, a man from the multitude (crowd) cried out, saying, "Teacher, I implore You (I beg you), look on (at) my son, for he is my only child.

Luk 9:39 "And behold, a spirit (an evil spirit) seizes him (my son), and he suddenly cries out (screams); it convulses him (throws him into a convulsion), so that he foams at the mouth; and it (evil spirit) departs from him with great difficulty, bruising him (the evil spirit seldom leaves him, but when he does he causes much harm, mauling & damaging him as he leaves).

Parallel passage in Matthew

This demon is associated with something that looks and or acts like seizures.

Mat 17:15 Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.

Mat 17:18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

Mat 17:19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

Mat 17:20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

Mat 17:21 "However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

Matthew tells us seizures, are distinguished from demon possession.

Mat 4:24 Then His(Jesus) fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him(Jesus) all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments (describes severe pain, torture, intense mental distress, severe anxiety, debilitating fears and phobias), and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics (recurring seizures), and paralytics (paralyzed or loss of motor functions); and He(Jesus) healed them (all).

Luk 9:40 "So I implored (I begged) Your disciples (nine disciples) to cast it out, but they could not."

Previously in Luk 9:1 Then He(Jesus) called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. What happened why these nine disciples could not cast out the demon?

Ranking of demonic powers

Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against **principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.**

Luk 9:41 Then Jesus answered and said, "**O faithless and perverse generation (unbelieving and corrupt people), how long shall I be with you and bear with you (put up with your unbelief)? Bring your son here.**"

Jesus had just descended from the Mount of Transfiguration, where He was in glory, only to find His disciples failing and a faithless crowd arguing.

Jesus didn't pull the disciples aside but rebuked the entire group publicly.

Greek text paints a picture of a "commanding presence" Jesus spoke with volume and authority that silenced the argument and focused everyone's attention on His divine power. In many cultures including Middle Eastern cultures, speaking loudly is often viewed as a positive trait that connotes sincerity, strength, and engagement. Increasing one's volume is a way to show that you truly believe what you are saying. In contrast speaking too softly can be perceived as a sign of being "frail," insincere, or lacking authority.

Unbelief is an enemy of faith and spiritual life

After addressing the crowd, Jesus shifts to a sharp, singular command to the father: "**Bring your son here**"

Luk 9:42 And as he (**his son**) was still coming, the demon threw him down (**slammed him to the ground harshly**) and convulsed him (**to harm by violently shaking him, causing convulsions**). Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit (**evil spirit**), healed the child, and gave him back to his father.

Demon Oppression vs. Possession (Taken Over)

<u>Feature</u>	<u>Demonic Oppression (Believers)</u>	<u>Demonic Possession (Unbelievers)</u>
Location	External: Attacks outside, soul/mind.	Internal: the evil spirit inhabits
Ownership	Owned by God	Unprotected: vulnerable to ownership
Control	Influence: deception, or fear (2Tim 1:7).	Domination: control over faculties
Manifestation	Mental torment, dryness & setbacks.	Supernatural strength, violent resistance
Remedy	Resistance, Gods Armor (Jam 4:7, Eph. 6)	Deliverance: expulsion by the name of Jesus.

Luke 9:43-45 Jesus Again Predicts His Death (Matt. 17:22, 23; Mark 9:30–32)

Luk 9:43 And they were all amazed (**astonished, overwhelmed**) at the majesty of God (**His display of mighty power & greatness**). But while everyone marveled at all the things which Jesus did, He said to His disciples,

Luk 9:44 "**Let these words sink down into your ears (listen up, take these words to heart), for the Son of Man (title Jesus used for Himself) is about to be betrayed into the hands of men (his enemies and be killed).**"

Luk 22:52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs?

Luk 22:53 "When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

Luk 22:54 Having arrested Him(**Jesus**), they led Him and brought Him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed at a distance.

Luk 9:45 But they did not understand this saying (**statement**), and it (**the meaning**) was hidden (**or concealed**) from them so that they did not perceive (**or understand**) it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this saying.

Parallel passage in Mark: Don't be afraid to ask and get clarity

Mar 9:32 But they (disciples) did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him.

The disciples forgot these reminders over and over about Jesus' suffering and resurrection until after His resurrection, then they remembered what He had said

Luk 24:6 "He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee,

Luk 24:7 "saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' "

Luk 24:8 And they remembered His words.

Luke 9:46-48 Who Is the Greatest? (Matt. 18:1–5; Mark 9:33–37)

Luk 9:46 Then a dispute (**or argument**) arose among them as to which of them would be greatest (arguing who would be the greatest, having the highest authority surpassing all the others next to Jesus, who they perceive to be the ultimate leader).

Again a dispute about who is the greatest

Luk 22:24 Now there was also a dispute among them (again), as to which of them should be considered the greatest.

Luk 22:27 "For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

Luk 9:47 And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart (**lit their reasoning, argument, by the HS**), took a little child and set him by Him,

Luk 9:48 and (**Jesus**) said to them, "Whoever receives (welcomes) **this little child**, in My name, receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all, will be great (the least refers to having a genuine humility, a proper perspective on self)."

Child had no social status, legal voice, or economic power; they were considered to not have value. To welcome a child meant giving honor and hospitality to someone who could offer absolutely nothing in return—no prestige, no wealth, no favors or benefits. The least among the disciples refers to those who intentionally the path of humility and service. : By becoming the least, you most closely resemble Jesus, who came not to be served, but to serve. Application: Jesus is saying stop worrying about your rank (status) and start caring for the people no one else notices, by childlike faith and humility.

Luk 18:17 "Assuredly, I(**Jesus**) say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

Mat 18:5 "Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.

Luke 9:49-50 Jesus Forbids Exclusive Demoniations (Mark 9:38-41)

Luk 9:49 Now John answered and said (**to Jesus**), "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us (**we tried to stop him because he is not a disciple in our group**)."

Parallel passage in Mark:

Mar 9:38 Now John answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us."

Mar 9:39 But **Jesus** said, "**Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me.**

Mar 9:40 "For he who is not against us is on our side.

Luk 9:50 But **Jesus** said to him (**John**), "**Do not forbid (or stop) him, for he who is not against us, is on our side (or for you).**"

Luk 11:23 (**Jesus** said) He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

Luke 9:51-56 A Samaritan Village Rejects the Savior

Luk 9:51 Now it came to pass, when the time had come (**drew near**) for **Hi**m to be received up (**ascend to heaven**), that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem (**Jesus set forth and was determined to fulfill His purpose**),

Isa 50:7 "For the Lord GOD will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed.

Luk 9:52 and sent messengers before His face (**ahead of Jesus**). And as they (**messengers**) went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him (**make arrangements and take care of housing for Jesus arrival**).

Jesus and his disciples go south from Galilee to Jerusalem, they went through Samaria

Luk 9:53 But they (villagers**) did not receive Him(**Jesus**), because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem.**

Because of the religious conflict with the Jews, the Samaritans who did not accept Jerusalem as the place of worship (John 4:20), the people of Samaria were generally inhospitable to Jews and did not offer overnight accommodations to those who were traveling to Jerusalem to participate in religious events.

Cross-reference:

Jhn 4:7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."

Jhn 4:9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

Jhn 4:10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

Jhn 4:11 The woman said to Him(Jesus**), "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?"**

Jhn 4:12 "Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"

Jhn 4:13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,

Jhn 4:14 "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

Jhn 4:15 The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Luk 9:54 And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said (to Jesus**), "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?"**

Jesus called John and James the Sons of Thunder

Mar 3:17 James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James, to whom He(Jesus**) gave the name Boanerges, that is, "Sons of Thunder";**

Cross-reference:

2Kings 1:10 So Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." And fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

2Kings 1:11 Then he sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty men. And he answered and said to him: "Man of God, thus has the king said, 'Come down quickly!'"

2Kings 1:12 So Elijah answered and said to them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." And the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

2Kings 1:13 Again, he sent a third captain of fifty with his fifty men. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and pleaded with him, and said to him: "Man of God, please let my life and the life of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight."

2Kings 1:14 "Look, fire has come down from heaven and burned up the first two captains of fifties with their fifties. But let my life now be precious in your sight."

2Kings 1:15 And the angel of the LORD said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." So he arose and went down with him to the king.

Luk 9:55 **But He(Jesus) turned and rebuked them (James and John), and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.**

The Greek word for "rebuked" is *epitimaō*, which implies a strong, authoritative expression of disapproval or warning used to stop an action.

Jesus in one of His harshest rebukes, told Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan!" (Matthew 16:23). He did this because Peter's attempted to persuade Him away from the cross and abandon God's redemptive plan.

Scripture presents rebuke not as a choice, but as a mandatory responsibility of love and spiritual leadership. The goal is always restoration—bringing someone back to a healthy path—rather than mere condemnation

Summary Table: Some Examples In The Scriptures When Rebuke Is Demanded?

<u>Occasion</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
A Duty of Love	Proverbs 27:5–6	Better is open rebuke than hidden love
Personal offense	Luke 17:3	Restoration and healing of the relationship
Persistent/Public sin	1 Timothy 5:20	Rebuke in the presence of all, restoration
False doctrine	Titus 1:13	Doctrinal purity and soundness
Wandering from truth	James 5:19–20	Saving the soul from death

Luk 9:56 **"For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them."** And they went (journeyed on) to another village.

Jesus first coming was to serve and proclaim the gospel

Jhn 3:17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Jesus came to be a light of the world

Jhn 12:46 "I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

Jhn 12:47 "And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

Jhn 12:48 "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

Jhn 12:49 "For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.

Jhn 12:50 "And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

Luke 9:57-62 The Cost of Discipleship (Matt. 8:18–22)

Luk 9:57 Now it happened as they journeyed (**walked**) on the road, that someone said to Him(**Jesus**), "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go."

Luk 9:58 And Jesus said to him, "**Foxes have holes (dens) and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.**"

Luk 9:59 Then He(**Jesus**) said to another, "**Follow Me (excepting Me as Lord of your life).**" But he said (**okay but**), "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." (**The first step in following Jesus is to surrender your will to His will**)

Jesus knew that this man's request was merely an excuse for not following him

Possibly an idiom meaning something like, "after my father dies and after I observe the traditional mourning period of up to one year and after I receive my inheritance, then I will do such and such." This was probably nothing more than a petty excuse to avoid making a commitment to Jesus and had nothing to do with the condition of the father."

Luk 9:60 Jesus said to him, "**Let the (spiritually) dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.**"

Luk 9:61 And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You (as Your disciple), but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house (**say goodbye to everyone**)."

Luk 9:62 But Jesus said to him, "**No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back (to the world & the things left behind, will veer off the main path), is fit for the kingdom of God.**"

2Tim 4:10 for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, ...

1John 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Luk 17:32 "Remember Lot's wife.

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Extra Notes

<u>Simple Biblical Chart for Christian to Stay Away From</u>		
<u>Category</u>	<u>Warning</u>	<u>Key Verse</u>
Die Self: Exalting Self	Self life enslaves-practices sin, die to self	Luke 9:23
Sexual Immorality	Stay pure; no sex outside marriage	1Cor 6:18
Lust / Pornography	Guard your eyes & thoughts	Matt 5:28
Drunkenness	Is sinful, reduces reason, stay out of bars,	Eph 5:18
Sorcery, Drugs	Say no to mind altering drugs like pot ...	Deut 18:10–12
Idolatry	Don't put anything above God	1John 5:21
Love of Money	Don't chase riches or material things	1Tim 6:10
Greed	Be content, not grasping for world things	Heb 13:5
Unforgiveness	Forgive quickly	Matt 6:14–15
Bitterness	Don't let resentment grow	Heb 12:15
Gossip / Slander	Watch your words	Eph 4:29
Anger Outbursts	Control your temper	Prov 29:11
Pride	Not willing to repent when sinning	James 4:6
Lying / Deception	Speak truth, don't lie & be untrustworthy	Eph 4:25
Bad Company	Wrong friends will corrupt & deceive you,	1Cor 15:33
Laziness, wasting time	Be diligent, work hard, be faithful	Prov 6:9–11

<u>Simple Chart to Keep You Close, Abiding in Jesus & His Word</u>		
<u>Positive Habit</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Key Verse</u>
Love God	Put God first & obey His Word,	Matt 22:37
Love Others	Treat others with kindness	John 13:34–35
God First, Self-Die	Crucify old nature vs walk in New nature	Luke 9:23
Pray Daily	Talk to God continually	1Thess 5:17
Read the Word	Feed your spirit & soul	Josh 1:8
Obey God	Do what Scripture says	James 1:22
Walk in Faith	Trust God, not fear	Heb 11:6
Be Humble	Think less of self, ask God for wisdom	Phil 2:3
Forgive Quickly	Release offenses have a forgiving heart	Eph 4:32
Give Generously	Have a generous heart, share with others	2Cor 9:7
Serve Others	Be helpful and kind	Mark 10:45
Be Thankful	Practice gratitude, be thankful	1Thess 5:18
Confess Sin	Willingness to repent, Keep a clean heart	1John 1:9
Stay Pure	Keep your mind and body clean	1Tim 5:22
Be Diligent	Work hard for the Lord	Col 3:23
Walk in the Spirit	Live by the Spirit's power	Gal 5:22–23