

Jesus' Conflicts With Jewish Leaders as a Model for Our Spiritual Fight

How are Jewish Leaders Parallel to Spiritual War?

○ Luke 6:11 they (Scribes & Pharisees) were **filled with** rage

- clearly demonic influence b/c "filled with"
- filled: *pimplemi-* to be filled, to fill with a thing or something; to fill up
- rage: *anoia-* madness, rage, a want of understanding, madness expressing itself as rage, (2 Tim 3:7-10)
- might do: *poieo-* to commit to make a thing shoot out of something, to be the authors of the cause, to construct

**This is why we know that demonic battles can be in the form of people attacking us, and that by observing how Jesus fought them, is how to fight the demons that were within them... ie. how to masterfully fight.

Specifics describing Pharisees/Sadducees

○ Mt 16:12 Be ware of the **doctrine** of the Pharisees & Sadducees = leaven

- leaven: *zyme-* metaph of mental or moral corruption viewed in it's tendency to infect others
- (Ex 12:15, Gal 5:9, 1 Cor 5:17)

○ Luke 12:1 Leaven of Pharisees = **Hypocrisy**

○ Luke 16:14 **lovers of money** (covetous), they **derided** Him (to turn up ones nose at, sneer at, scoff)

Luke 6:7 Sc + Ph = **watched Him closely**/ for the purpose of **finding an accusation** against Him

Specifics defining Scribes

Luke 20:46:-47 **pride, power, praise, luxury & selfishness**

- long robes
- love greetings in the marketplaces
- highest seats in the synagogue
- best seats at feasts
- devour widows houses
- for pretense make long prayers

Result? These will receive greater condemnation

Specific Words I was Given Regarding This Type of Fighting

When copying Christ, try to remember- although He had much mastery and perfect timing, technique and love....

He was the master of it, so good he could make the tasks dance.

We have access to all of this because we have the Holy Spirit.

We need only to:

- observe what is to be done
- study the method
- be prepared with much readied prayer

The rest is up to the Holy Spirit and He works with a willing heart— those who wish to serve Him.

Then when we need it in the Spiritual Fight, we simply pray as ask the Holy Spirit and He will help us with the speed, strength, touch, and mastery as we need.

I was told after the "Ropes Dream" that it takes less than 12 weeks to practice and learn the rules to accomplish mastery.

A bootcamp of sorts— if we simply focus on what the skills look like.

We are not to focus on the tasks like a set of check boxes — but instead we collect the essentials needed for the fight and then via the Holy Spirit- He can access what has been unloaded as needed.

What is required is the faithfulness to learn & the will to act. I was lead to study how Jesus interacted with the leadership of His day, in order to learn a more proficient technique in our own Spiritual Fights.

Specific Challenges & Strategies

Close observation for an opportunity to entrap...

○ John 5:1-17

- v 13 Jesus withdrew:
 - withdraw: ekneuo: to bend to ones side, to escape secretly, slip away without notice, quietly withdraw
- temporarily avoid the conflict... how to escape for us? Hide under God's Wing... ie. read His words & pray(Ps 17:8)

Legalism about OT Law

○ Mark 3:1-6

- v 2 they watched him closely... so that they might accuse Him
 - watched; paratereo- to stand beside and watch and observe carefully in a bad sense with the aim of stealthy accusing or with a deceitful aim
 - accuse: kategoreo- to accuse and charge someone with an offense before a judge
- v 3 Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, so save a life or to kill?
 - ie he knew their heart was of evil intent and that they aimed to trap and kill him— **so he was speaking directly to their hearts** even tho the crowd wasn't hearing that

○ Matt 12:1-14

- v 2 Pharisee's said, "look your disciples are doing what is not lawful on the sabbath"
- v 3 Jesus response have you not read? (David and the showbread) 1 Sam 21:4-6
 - ie. God is not legalistic... meet needs over rules
 - I desire mercy and not sacrifice (1 Sam 15:22, Hos 6:6, Mic 6:6-8, Matt 9:13)
 - For the Son of Man is Lord even over the Sabbath
- v 10 they asked Him.... that they might accuse Him
- v 11-12 What man is there among you... sheep in a pit on Sabbath; of how much more value is a man...
- v 12 Therefore it is lawful to do good on the the Sabbath
- **ie. He clarified the law with authority (ie. know your Bible)**

○ Mark 2:23-28

- v 27 The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath (Ex 23:12, Deut 5:14, Neh 9:14, Ezek 20:12)
- **ie summarizing the scriptures with understanding and compassion**

- **ie. quote scripture- not in legalism but with full understanding of its meaning in the total picture**

Seeking to kill

○ John 5:18-47

- v 18 for this reason the Jews were **seeking all the more to kill him** b/c broke their version of the **sabbath** and **equating self with God**
 - equal = isos = equal in quantity, nature or rank
- v 19 Jesus clears up: **He sees the Father doing/like manner**
 - sees: blepo: look and discern with eyes, metaph.; to have the power of understanding; to turn ones thoughts to direct the mind to CONSIDER, EXAMINE, OBSERVE
 - likewise: homoios: equally, in the same way
 - ie. let your mind examine the nature of God and see that I am doing it in the same way, bc He is the source from which I learned it
- **ie. point out that what is being done is God's way**
- v 24 key words deeper than we might have previously thought:
 - he who hears: akouo- to attend to/consider what has been said and understand
 - my words: logos: the sayings of God, doctrine, teaching, words spoken by a living voice, specifically in John the words of Jesus as the Word of God
 - and believes: pisteuo- persuaded to be true, & convicted that Jesus can save & trusting a thing will do as it says
 - ie. to hear and believe includes being FULLY persuaded
 - that sent: pempo: to dispatch on a temporary errand
 - has echo: to have & to hold in the hand/ to own/USED BY those joined by blood, friendship, law, or duty
 - everlasting: aionios-without beginning or end/eternal life forever and ever (1 Thes 2:16; Heb 9:12; Ecc 12:5; Numb 25:13)
 - life: zoe: real genuine life devoted to God of a living soul
 - not come into judgement: krisis: a separating, a trial, THE sentence of condemnation based on divine law
 - has passed: metabaino-to pass over from one place to another; to remove or depart; to change places
 - from: ek: to go out from, away from
 - death: thanatos: natural or violent separation of the soul from the body by which life on earth is ended- with the implied idea of a future misery in hell, the netherworld of darkness; the miserable state/existence of the wicked dead in hell
 - to life (zoe-above)
- **ie. offer the way out, but set clear boundaries explaining that by not complying with Christ's way means eternal misery**

Physical Torture

Luke 22:63-67

- v 63- 65 Christ beaten
 - v 67 **intent to challenge him**
 - v 68 **Jesus: I could tell you, but you wouldn't believe me or change course**
 - v 69 His focus was on: **"the Son of Man will be seated in the place of power at God's right hand"**
- **Don't waste your breath trying to convince, just focus on your future status... after your earthly trials... "I am a child of the King"**

Rumors, Slander, False Accusations

Luke 8:1-3

- this set is just for context

Matt 12:22-50

- v 23 could this be the Son of David
 - the people are starting to see and understand
- v 24 does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of demons
 - Beelzebub- beelzeboul: a parody for the 'lord of the flies' = dung god, "lord of the house", a name for satan, prince of evil spirits
- v 25 Jesus knew their thoughts and said... kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation
 - divided: merizo- to disunite and break into parts, to distribute
 - is brought to desolation: eremoo- too lay flat, to ruin to strip of treasures, to come to nothing
- v 26 If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself, How then will his kingdom stand
 - He's just pointing out their lack of logic
- v 27 If I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges (Mark 3:20-35)
 - ie I am God's and I am casting out demons by God's power- what does that say about you? You are outing yourself as being run BY demons of Satan
 - Demons/Satan will be the judges of all that do not Accept God's grace through Christ... bc they are judged on their works which = go to hell do not pass go do not collect \$200 (Rev 20:12, John 5:24, John 6:29, 1 John 3:10, Gal 2:16)
 - judges: krites- an arbiter, one who passes judgement on anything, a judge, in this case replacing God as judge(the now who tries a case in a legal court of law in a forensic sense) and preferring the opinion and judgement of demons; also one who administers justice- in this case these demons will indeed be giving justice to these individuals in hell before the lake of fire
- **ie ok... "you do you", but you get your perception of God as your judgment bc I have already presented the truth**
- v 28 But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, sure the kingdom of God has come upon you
 - ekballo- to throw and not care where it lands, to drive out, to complete to leave; to banish from a family
 - by: en- (a verb of motion) through, with, by, aided by the agency of (2 Tim 1:14)
- v 30 He who is not with me is against me... he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad (John 6:39)
 - with: meta- in union with, to be numbered among, in association and companionship with
 - against: kata: after or against, opposed to
 - gather: synago- to join together as one, gather as fishes in nets; receive with hospitality, resort or take in; to assemble selves together; to cut to pieces
 - scatter abroad: Scorpizo- of those who by route or stricken by terror, fly in every direction; to waste liberally
- v 31 blasphemy against the Spirit ... not forgiven men (Rev 2:6, Mark 14:64)
 - remember that "The" Spirit is short for "The Spirit of God"(v 28)... ie Blaspheming God's Holy Spirit is unforgivable
 - blasphemy: blasphemia- slander, injurious speech to ones good name; evil speaking, reproach & disapproval; vilification
 - not: ou- no, never, cannot, not
- v 33 a tree is known by its fruit (Matt 3:10)
 - recall that trees are often parallel for men
- **Take a second to observe the logic of the argument and see if it resembles the Fruit of the Spirit or fruit of a different tree**
- v 34 Brood of vipers! How can you being evil, speak good things? Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks
 - Brood of vipers: the same name John the Baptist uses for them (Matthew 3:7)
 - J the B was serious about his faith he was holding to Nazarite Law, clearly he knew they were not sticking to the scriptures
 - Brood: gennema- generation that has been born, offspring of

- Vipers: echidna- a poisonous snake; used often of cunning malignant wicked men that are far from God (Matt 23:33, Is 59:5 regarding those separated from God that run to evil)
- evil- poneros- full of annoyances, hardships, toils, and the cause of pain and trouble; evil, wicked, bad, diseased or blind; of a bad nature condition
- abundance: agathos- in which one delights; which fills the heart; the residue or remains
- **Call a Spade a Spade: name the demon, activity, or sin that is running the accusations**
- v 35 out of the good man good... an evil man evil
- v 38 teacher we want to see a sign from you (Luke 2:12)
 - sign: semeion- a ceremonially or supernatural indication; a miracle, a wonder; an unusual experience transcending the common course of nature
 - uh... he had been doing this quite a lot already... and he's not a birthday magician there to act when asked for show
- v 39 An evil adulterous generation seeks after a sign, no sign will be given except the sign of the prophet Jonah (John 4:54, John 6:26, John 12:37, Rom 15:19.... they will finally get what they want in Rev 13:13)
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- v 40-1 3 days 3 nights / whale heart of the earth Jonah/Son of Man
 - He's just paralleling what they know with what is to come & points out that Nineveh repented... implying they won't
- **Jesus did not and we are not to pander to requests the evidence is in the Gospel message.** (1 Cor 15:4)
- v 50 whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My (fam) (Acts 22:14, Rom 12:2, Eph 1:9, 1 Thes 5:18, 1 Pet 4:2)
 - does the; poieo- shall do; bring forth, construct; to keep and institute; perform a promise
 - will: thelema- desire, pleasure, commands and precepts; what one had determined shall be done
- **Reinforce to others or yourself that by continuing to do the will of God it reinforces that you are a child of God and your eternal position is in heaven and nothing can be done to reverse that.** (ref back to John 5:24 and the shift from death to eternal life, & John 10:28)

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Legalism about Man's Traditions

○ Matthew 15:1-20(Mark 7:5)

- v 2 *why do your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders?*
 - transgress: parabaino- to violate or overstep, to neglect
 - tradition: paradosis- a tradition or ordinance, specifically in this use as the oral teachings of the Jews that expanded upon and illustrated the written laws of Moses, but was to be obeyed with equal reverence in their eyes, aka The Talmud
- v 3 *Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?*
 - commandment: entole- an order, a command, one of the precepts of Moses especially concerning the priesthood or the law

○ Mark 7:9

- v 9 *all too well you reject the commandment of God, that you keep your tradition*
 - too well: kalos- done so rightly there is no room for blame; excellently; (in this context ironically used)
 - reject- atheteo- bring to nothing, refuse; take away any efficiency of; nullify, make void, frustrate
- v 13 *making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down*
 - of no effect: akuroo- to render void, to deprive of all authority and force
 - handed down: paradidomi- to deliver up treacherously by betrayal; to deliver up one to custody to be judged, tormented, scourged or put to death
- **Adding man's rules render's God's word VOID to those under it** (ie lacks Grace, the very core of God's Love and rescue plan)
- v 15 *there is nothing that enters a man from the outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man*
 - defile: koinoo- call common, be polluted; Levitically unclean (Acts 10:15, Matt 15:11)

○ Matt 16:12

- v 12 *warned them of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees*
- **Warn others of bad doctrine**

○ Luke 11:37-44

- v 38 *marveled that He had not washed his hands*
 - this refers to ritual hand washing from the Talmud and that was from the Babylonians
- v 39 *you make the outside of the cup and dish clean but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness*
 - inward: esothin- the soul
 - greed: harpage- robbery, extortion, plunder
 - wickedness: poneria- depravity, malice, evil purposes & desires; sins (Rom 1:29, Eph 6:12, Mark 7:22, Acts 3:26)
- v 40 *Foolish ones!*
 - fools: aphron- morally unbelieving; egotistic; ignorant; unwise, stupid/mindless
- v 42 *woe to you Pharisees. You tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs... and pass by justice and the Love of God. Those you ought to have done without leaving the others undone*
 - pass by: παρεχomai- to pass y, omit, neglect
 - justice: krisis- what is right; a decision given on anything by a judge; often used as a condemnation or damning punishment
 - Love of God: agape theos- biblical love that regards what is best for the other, dear love with affection good will benevolence, perfect love (Song 2:4-7, Song 3:5,10)
- v 44 *you are like graves which are not seen and the men walk over them are not aware of them*
 - this was common language meaning you are so unclean that you are so unknown that you are like from the bottom of the abyss (this was a major slap)
- vs 45 *one of the lawyers said.... you reproach us also*
 - lawyer: nomikos- pertaining to the law; an expert in the Mosaic law
 - reproach: hybrizo- to treat shamefully; to injure another white one's speech by speaking evil of them; a rude lack of respect with arrogance
- v 46 *woe to you also... you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens w one of your fingers*

- load: phortizo- (thesis a double accusative so twice as powerful) to place a burden on top of; especially of burdens that there are not rites or precepts to take on; overburden with ceremony for traditional laws that are not Mosaic and keep the persons conscious of sin and feeling guilty
- burden: phortion- a burden or freight loaded upon a ship; metph. faults of the conscious that oppress the soul and the tasks or services that some traditions require to "anul" them
- grievous to be born: dysbaskaktos- irksome precepts hard to obey
- v 47 **woe to you... you guild the tombs of the prophets and your fathers killed them**
 - you look pious but you do the same as your fathers who legit murdered God's prophets
- v 52 **you have taken away the key of knowledge**
 - they have removed God & Truth (Prov 1:7, Prov 9:10, James 1:5, Ps 111:10, 1 Tim 2:4, John 8:32)
- **Man's traditions make life harder & take the focus off of God and His Truth**
- v 53 **they began to assail him vehemently and cross-examine him about many things,**
 - assail: enecho- to entangle, to set oneself against by holding a grudge, to quarrel with; to be angry and enraged and thus set an inner anger against the other and keep an eye on their with hostility which may express itself outwardly in words of hostility
 - vehemently: deinos- excessively; grievously
 - cross examine: apostomatizo- to repeat to a pupil things he should commit to memory; to ply another with chastising, off handed, questions to entice an answer
- v 54 **lying in wait for him, seeking to catch Him in something He might say that they might accuse Him**
 - lying in wait: enedreuo- to plot an assassination; to prepare a trap
 - accuse: kategoreo- to accuse with absoluteness before a court of law for the judge

○ Luke 12:1

- Jesus response? v 1 **beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy**
 - hypocrisy: hipokrisis: the acting of a stage player; a counterfeit/deceit/false representation of ones character
- **Warn others of the deceit**

○ Luke 16:14

- v 14 Pharisees, who **were lovers of money**, also heard all these things, and they **derided Him**
 - lovers of money: phylargyros: covetous, loving money, extreme greed for wealth or material gains; a deep desire to be rich beyond ones dreams.
 - derided: ekmykterizo- to turn up the nose, to scoff at
- v 15 **You justify yourselves before men... God knows your hearts... what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God**
- **Your are doing this for show, God knows the heart, He is the one who we all answer to**

Questioning your position/authority to act as God's agent

○ Luke 20:1-8 (Mat 21:23)

- ...Chief Priests & Scribes
- v 2 **by what authority?**
 - authority: exousia- power of liberty and freedom of choice; what governmental power; under who's jurisdiction
- v 3 Jesus answers w a **question**
- v 8 **neither will I tell you**
- **sometimes the wise play is to not answer**, (they won't get it)

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