

Spiritual Warfare  
Kingdom of God

I. The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent

and believe the gospel or good news. (Mark 1:15)

A. The good news is The Kingdom of God.

B. This is good news to oppressed people.

C. Jewish people expected the messiah to overthrow Roman rulers.

D. Jesus came to overthrow Satan. (1 John 3:8, 5:19)

II. Binding the strongman and plundering his house. (Matt. 12:22 – 29)

A. Context:

1. Jesus casts out a demon. (12:22)

2. The Pharisees accuse Jesus of being from the devil.  
(12:24)

B. Jesus responds to the Pharisees.

1. A house divided can't stand, so casting out demons  
by the power of Satan would destroy Satan's kingdom.  
(12:25 – 26)

2. What about other Jewish exorcists? (12:27)

3. Therefore Jesus casts out demons by the Spirit,  
and displays the Kingdom of God. (12:28).

4. In fact, Jesus must have bound Satan in  
order to cast out demons. (12:29)

### III. Lessons for Spiritual Warfare

- A. Satan has a kingdom and his kingdom is this world. (See John 14:30, 16:11)
- B. Jesus and His followers are on the attack or offense.
- C. Spiritual warfare is central to the gospel (good news) of the Kingdom of God.
- D. Our mission is to join Jesus in plundering the house/setting captives free.  
(See Luke 4:18 – 19)
- E. Demons can cause sickness, physical infirmities etc.