

“JESUS AND THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM IN POWER AND AUTHORITY”- PART TWO

LUKE 4:14-44

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Introduction- Two Part Sermon

In Luke 3:21-22 Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan, then when he was praying, the Holy Spirit anointed him for public ministry in order for him to accomplish his Divine Messianic Mission.

Dr. Luke then teaches us that Jesus is led in the Spirit to the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Jesus stands strongly against his opposition, denying his temptations and taunts where Adam and Israel had failed. ***Jesus shows himself to be the True Second Adam (3:38), and True and Faithful Israelite in his standing firm on God’s Word, “living by every word that proceeds out of God’s mouth.”*** Luke 4:1-13 is the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry where he immediately begins his eschatological-kingdom task of ***“binding the strong man”*** and plundering his house.

Jesus’ public ministry as the “Anointed One”, the Christ, the Prophet of God in the power of the Spirit continues in ***Luke 4:14-44 as Jesus begins to teach and preach publicly and declare that the Kingdom of God has come.***

ESV Luke 4:43 ...but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose."

Jesus has been anointed with the power of the Spirit (1) to teach with authority, (2) to cast out demons, (3) to release the prisoners from sickness, and that through this authority and power to make known that in him the Kingdom of God has arrived in his person and ministry (not a display of his Messianic powers as the devil has tempted him in Luke 4:1-13, but as His Heavenly Father has desired for Him to use them!).

The Old Testament eschatological Messianic expectation has dawned in WORD and DEED in Jesus and his ministry.

In our passage today, Dr. Luke constructs the narration with movement in that Jesus is teaching in Nazareth, Capernaum, and Judea. Jesus is moving in the power of the Spirit, teaching and preaching the Scriptures, casting out demons, and healing the sick showing to the world that the Messianic Kingdom Age has come in him.

What is the Kingdom of God about? It is the dawning of the Messianic Age that was spoken of in the Old Testament. The Kingdom of God is about the power and authority of God in the Person and Work of Jesus Christ. We see this Kingdom *authority and*

power revealed in Word (Jesus' interpretation and preaching) and Deed (Jesus' compassion in miracles, demonic exorcisms, healings, etc).

Part Two: We will focus our attention primarily on Jesus' DEEDS in Power and Authority.

In our passage today from Luke 4:31-44, Jesus continues to reveal his authority and power as the Messianic King of the Kingdom. Jesus has revealed his power in Nazareth, his hometown, and has been rejected. Now Jesus moves in power and authority into a larger area- -to Capernaum- -to Judea- -with a goal for the Kingdom to go to the ends of the earth! (cf. 4:43; Acts 28:27-31).

THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM IN JESUS' PUBLIC WORD AND DEED
PROPHETIC MINISTRY: First to Nazareth (4:16), then On to Capernaum (4:31)...then on to Judea (4:44)

- a. **Contrast between Nazareth and Capernaum** as Locations Jesus' Prophetic Ministry
 - i. **Nazareth**: Jesus' Hometown where he is rejected because his prophetic message and mission is for *both* Israel and the Gentiles (4:25ff). After Jesus is rejected from Nazareth, he never returns (I am reminded of Isaiah's preaching: "***Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near!***")
 - ii. **Capernaum**: A small town on the Northern Shore of the Sea of Galilee, a few miles north east of Nazareth where Jesus makes his home and calls his first disciples. Jesus "goes down" to Capernaum because Nazareth was 1200 feet above sea level and Capernaum was 686 feet below sea level (Marshall, *Gospel of Luke*, pg. 191). Capernaum was a prosperous fishing town and became known as Jesus' own city (cf. Matthew 9:1).

ESV **Matthew 9:1** *And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.*

Dr. Luke is making the point that the Kingdom is spreading out and expanding in the Person and Work of Christ.

- b. **Jesus teaches the people in the power of the Spirit**- Authority and Power (4:32): "...They were astonished at his teaching, **for his word possessed authority.**"
 1. Here again we see that Jesus amazed "struck" the crowd by his teaching with authority. In contrast to the other Rabbis who taught, Jesus was the supremely gifted, authoritative

Rabbi [**evkplh, ssomai** “to be amazed”]; this Greek word is used of the crowd’s amazement in his ministry through authoritative and powerful words and deeds].

2. Jesus preached and taught with great power of the Holy Spirit.
3. His message had “possessed authority” (4:32b) because it was from God’s Word.

Of the Rabbis of Jesus’ day, it was said of many of them that they never said anything that their teachers had not already said. Rabbi Hillel said of this kind of teaching: “It was secondhand theology- - labyrinthine, petty, legalistic, joyless, boring, and weightless.”

4. The Rabbis quoted endlessly other Rabbis and other traditions of men, but Jesus said “I say to you...”

^{ESV} **Matthew 5:21-22:** "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' ²² ***But I say to you*** that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

^{ESV} **Matthew 7:28-29:** ***And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, ²⁹ for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.***

Application: ***“What are words for when no one listens anymore?” a music group sang recently:***

In a culture where everyone is talking- -everyone including pundits, politicians and preachers have an opinion. We have 24 hours news channels and cable channels dedicated to talking- -talk, talk, talk... everyone has an opinion!

But the people of God need more than mere opinion and talk!

Like Jesus, we need to have exegetical, expositional, verse-by-verse preaching and teaching from the Scriptures. Jesus had been anointed by the Holy Spirit (3:21-22, 4:1) in order to preach and teach with authority- -the Spirit uses the Word of God to change people powerfully into Kingdom people!

In a day when feelings are so important in worship, and in a time when everyone is talk, talk, talking, we need authority and power. We can only have this from a systematic and sustained study of God’s Word. When Jesus began preaching and

teaching, he began with the Word of God (4:17ff) from Isaiah, and in his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus preaches from God's Holy Law.

In the Last Days (and remember this is the time period from Jesus' first coming until his second coming as we learned in the last sermon), people will not put up with sound teaching and powerful preaching- -yet the Apostle Paul tells us that the Word of God is what we must preach:

^{ESV} **2 Timothy 2:15** Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

^{ESV} **2 Timothy 3:16-4:5:** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

4:1 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² *preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.* ³ *For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,* ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

The authoritative and powerful Word of God is and always will be the need of the hour for the advancement and expansion of Christ's Kingdom.

Jesus used the Word of God against Satan and his minions, and he used the Word of God to bring release from oppression, bondage, blindness, and deadness in trespasses and sins- -and so we should concentrate primarily on this as well- -because Jesus still conquers the forces of hell, releases his people from sinful oppression, bondage, blindness and deadness through the authority and power of the Word of God!

But Jesus taught with authority and power of the Holy Spirit showing forth that the Messianic Kingdom Age had dawned in:

- **WORD- Speech**
- **DEED- Acts**

Jesus not only preached and taught with authority and power- -he showed his power and authority of the Kingdom in DEED as well! He backed up his authoritative and powerful words with authoritative and powerful deeds!

- c. **Jesus casts out demons in the power of the Spirit** (4:33-36, 41)- “And they were all amazed and said to one another, ***“What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!”***- Luke 4:36.
- “And ***in the synagogue*** there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon...”
 - It is noteworthy that Jesus begins to destroy the kingdom of the devil within the visible Church (the synagogue where the visible people of God met to worship and learn the Word); Jesus finds a demonic man “in the synagogue”.
 - We want to appreciate that it was through the right preaching and teaching of the Word of God that demons were made aware that the Kingdom of God had come to destroy them!

Have you come to appreciate the authority and power of the Word of God in your own life and the life of your family?

- i. We want to appreciate the heightening of prophetic miracles such as exorcisms and healings in the Person and Work of Jesus Christ at this time in redemptive-history. Jesus alludes to the Person and Work of Elijah (4:25ff), another time in redemptive-history where prophetic miracles were heightened to show forth the prophet’s authority and power from God.
- ii. Dr. Luke wants us to appreciate the spread of the gospel through the reports concerning Jesus’ word and deed ministry (two times he mentions this in our text in 4:14- ***“...And news about him spread through the whole countryside”***; and in 4:37- ***“...And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.”***
- iii. ***Historia Salutis and Ordo Salutis***: We must again keep in mind here the distinction between the *historia salutis* and the *ordo salutis*. As we learned in the last few sermons, Jesus’ Messianic Ministry is unique in that he is the God-Man, who is perfect Prophet, Priest, and King. Even though there are similarities in his office with prophets, priests, and kings who have come before him,

Jesus' person is unique in that he is the Divine Son accomplishing his earthly task on behalf of his elect.

We must remember therefore, not to expect the kind of casting out of demons and healing of the sick that were present in Jesus' day. Although God still allows miracles, this was a particularly unique time period in redemptive-history when the Kingdom of God was dawning with power, and Jesus' authority and miracles testified to who he was- -the Divine Son of God- -the Messiah, and only hope of salvation for the world.

iv. **Significance of the demons' recognition of Jesus** (4:34)

1. Contrasted with the unbelief in Nazareth (and the greater unbelief that will occur throughout Jesus' ministry up to his betrayal and rejection), *the demons believe who he is*.

The demon knows that the Kingdom is present in Jesus with all power and authority; he says: "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are- the Holy One of God."- 4:34.

2. Jesus asserts his authority over them, telling the demon to "keep his peace", and he shrieks in painful obedience in response to Jesus' powerful and authoritative word.

ESV James 2:19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe- and shudder!

v. **Significance of Jesus' casting out demons: Authority and Power** (4:35-36)

Acts 10:36-42 and 1 John 3:8 summarizes Jesus' Divine Messianic Mission and ministry in power of word and deed:

*ESV Acts 10:36-42: As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all),³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, **beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed:**³⁸ **how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.**³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear,⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.*

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.- 1 John 3:8

1. Jesus reveals his authority to destroy the evil works of the wicked one.

^{ESV} Luke 4:36 And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!"

2. Jesus *rebukes* the demon because the demon has no right to inhabit one of God's creations.
3. Jesus *commands* him out with his powerful word! ***"Have you come to destroy us?!"*** (4:34)

vi. **"Binding the strong man": A Biblical-Theology of the Devil and Demons**

^{ESV} **Matthew 12:28-30: But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.**

²⁹ Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house. ³⁰ Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

The Apostle Paul writes of our continuing struggle as Christians against the devil and his minions:

^{ESV} **Ephesians 6:10-13:** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God...

The Apostle Paul tell us that we battle NOT flesh and blood rulers merely in this world, "but rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers ("Cosmokrators"- "Cosmic Rulers") over this present darkness, against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

When I was a child, I wasn't raised in a Christian home, and did not know much about evil and Satan (thanks be to God), but there were times when I would get glimpses of

what Paul is speaking of in Ephesians 6:10-12 of personal evil forces (This is one reason why I think fairy tales are good to expose young people to the reality of personal evil). Every year I would watch *'The Wizard of Oz'* and was scared witless when the Wicked Witch of the West sent out her evil winged-monkeys to capture poor Dorothy and her band of seekers.

We may laugh at these things now, but these were visual pictures I had of the battle of the Christian once I became a Christian and would think of the devil's warfare against the saints. Jesus has won victoriously over the most demonic, powerful, "Cosmic Rulers" and he has done this through his death and resurrection- - so that we shall not fear, but stand firm in his victory and conquering authority and power by the Spirit of God!

The whole world is born into the Kingdom of Satan, he is the "god of this age" or the "prince of the power of the air" as Paul describes him in Ephesians 2 (cf. Eph. 6:10-18).

^{ESV} **Ephesians 2:1-3:** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following ***the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-*** ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

^{ESV} **2 Corinthians 4:3-4:** And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴ ***In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers,*** to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

The Apostle John records Jesus speaking of the devil as the "ruler of this world" with authority that is demolished in Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension:

^{ESV} **John 12:31-33:** ***Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.*** ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

^{ESV} **John 14:30** I will no longer talk much with you, ***for the ruler of this world is coming.*** He has no claim on me...

^{ESV} **John 16:8-11:** And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, *because the ruler of this world is judged.*

^{ESV} **Revelation 13:2** And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. *And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority.*

Demonic Activity Today- -Exorcisms Today?

Exorcism in Jesus' Day: (Quoted in Barclay's 'Gospel of Luke', pg. 47): "The east was full of people who could exorcise demons. But their methods were weird and wonderful. An exorcist would put a ring under the afflicted person's nose. He would recite a long spell; and then all of a sudden there would be a splash in a basin of water which he had put near to hand- -and the demon was out! A magical root called Bares was specially effective. When a man approached it, it shrank into the ground unless gripped, and to grip it was certain death. So the ground round it was dug away; a dog was tied to it; the struggles of the dog tore up the root; and when the root was torn up the dog died, as a substitute for a man. What a difference between all the hysterical paraphernalia of the calm single word of command of Jesus! It was the sheer authority which staggered them."

Now remember this: Practices in history and even the present day in some parts of the world that still practice exorcisms, are very superstitious, and offer a potent "hocus-pocus" that few can perform, and what occurs will often chill the soul.

But if the devil can fool people into believing anything other than Jesus and His word *works*- -the devil has not only succeeded in making an weird, pragmatic sorcerer, able to wow and amaze audiences, but he has achieved in getting people to believe something other than Jesus and His Word- -which is really what everyone needs to be delivered from Satan's wicked hold in the first place!

- The devil and his minions still lose their powerful hold on sinful man today when the Word of God with the power of the Spirit confronts and challenges the heart of man- -and this Word is believed.

- The devil has various bondages throughout the world that cause great turmoil and strife in human beings: false religions, drug abuse, pornography, and all other forms of anti-God, or demonic practice.
- The devil seems to make himself more obviously known as evil with more intensity in other countries and foreign lands compared to America. Perhaps his evil seems more “clean and sober and controllable in America” like an angel of light (cf. 2 Cor. 11) - -yet men are drunk with power, lust, and greed, and they can be demonic just the same.
- Missionaries have commented how the devil makes himself more obvious in foreign countries because it seems that in darker lands where the gospel has not penetrated as deeply as in America, ***there is still a fear of his power***. In America, he is dismissed as a red mythical creature with a bifurcated tale that no true reasonable and rational American would believe in such things!?
- You may not foam at the mouth or work yourself up as Americans in frenzy and ecstatic experiences (although I have witnessed this), but perhaps you are simply bound up and oppressed by private sin and corruption in your heart; whether you foam at the mouth or not like Regan in the film ‘The Exorcist’ - ***-if you are enslaved to sin, you are under the dominion and power of the Prince of the Power of the Air- -with nothing to release you from your oppressive bondage, other than the authoritative and powerful Word and the Spirit of God.***

Good news!

- The Bible says that in Christ’s weakest moment on the cross, the powers of darkness were disarmed- -and it is in this that we have our conquering hope as Christians:

^{ESV} **Colossians 2:12-15:** ...having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ ***He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.***

We can still say today with the crowd in Jesus’ day, when we behold the authority and power of the Word of God:

"What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!"- Luke 4:36

*As Martin Luther wrote in the hymn 'A Mighty Fortress is Our God':
'One little word will fell him!'*

d. **Jesus Heals in the Power of the Spirit** (4:37-41)

- i. **Jesus' Intimate "House Call"**: Jesus goes to Simon's home and heals his mother-in-law (4:38-39).
 1. After the Sabbath Service at the Synagogue, Jesus goes to Simon Peter's home and heals his mother-in-law of a fever.
 2. Jesus shows in this healing that his authority and power is not merely some impersonal force, but from his very hands, Jesus gently and tenderly heals all to make known His authority and power and the coming of His Kingdom.
- ii. **Jesus' Public "Healing Clinic"**: Jesus heals the sick who are brought to him (4:40)

Healing Activity Today- -Healings Today?

- God still heals today when he wishes to do so. We must remember that God is sovereign and does all things well according to his wisdom and will, and all to the praise of his glorious grace! We are told in James 5:13-16:

^{ESV} **James 5:13-16**: Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

- The healings of God's people at the time of Jesus and the Apostles was to show forth that the Kingdom of God had come in authority and power. Since the time of the closing of the Apostolic Age, we can still pray for God to heal miraculously, but as we learned early (historia salutis and the ordo salutis), that we are not to expect healings in some "cookie-cutter" fashion every time.
- ***Faith-healers today have more in common with ancient superstitious exorcists than they do with Jesus.***

- While God may heal us, we also learn from other Scriptures, that we live in a time of tribulation and suffering *where we are called to follow Jesus' suffering and carry our cross daily*. We are told by the Apostle Peter himself (who performed many healings in his time) not to be surprised when suffering and tribulation overcomes us and is allowed by God:

^{ESV} **1 Peter 2:21-25:** For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

^{ESV} **1 Peter 4:12-13:** Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

- When the Apostle Paul himself prayed for healing, God did not grant this healing- -and it was with the purpose of building up his faith. It is important to note that Paul's adversaries were criticizing him for his lack of faith because he was suffering:

^{ESV} **2 Corinthians 12:7-10:** So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ *Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.* ⁹ *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.* ¹⁰ *For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

- We must pray with hope and expectation that God will heal us when we are sick, but not our will, but his be done. When he allows us to go through

suffering as he did with Job, we must undergo this keeping our eyes on Jesus who is the Author and Perfector of our faith, and who loves us, and will allow certain tribulation to come into our life to make us more like him (cf. Romans 8:26-39).

Conclusion

Jesus is our hope!

Jesus saves us from our bondage and oppression from the devil. Jesus' words still have authority and power and can raise us up from the dead in our trespasses and sins, and can give us the ability to stand firm no matter how powerful the onslaught of Satan and his "Cosmic rulers" in the heavenly places!

It is through the authoritative and powerful Word of God that we continue to resist him in times of temptation, and it is in Jesus Christ with the whole armor of God protecting us, that we stand firm in him, knowing that his "doom is sure" and that "one little word will fell him". It is in Christ, we find our victory and conquering hope!

We are more than conquerors through him who loved us! Will we suffer and be sick? Yes, but it for the purpose of showing forth God's glory! Will we be buffeted by the world, the flesh and the devil?

Yes! But as Martin Luther says: "We have One on our side to stand with us through anything, who loves us, and he is the one of God's own choosing!" If we did not have this One of God's own choosing on our side, ***our struggle would indeed be failing.***

Our victory against the devil and his minions is not in man's strength. We should not think of ourselves as Christians in powerful war helicopters with '***The Ride of the Valkyries***' blasting from our Dolby Logic 6.1 loudspeakers as we approach the enemy for combat and defeat.

We must simply understand humbly two important things: the authority and power of Word of God and prayer for both overcoming the evil one and for healing:

- 1) The Word of God tells us that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18-20) and on his victory and through His Word we conquer!
- 2) Prayer: We should continue to pray:

***"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done;
On earth as it is in heaven..."***

Jesus' victory is over all of the devil's work and his 'cosmic rulers' and upon this authority and power we take our stand as his Kingdom-People!

Luke ends this pericope, this section of Scripture with the words:

"I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose..."

...And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea...”