

Eye and Tongue

Matthew 12:22

Healing

- Then they brought him a demon-possessed man
 - who was blind and mute
- Jesus healed him
 - so that he could talk and see

Uncertainty

- All the people were astonished
 - Could this be the Son of David?
 - “This man isn’t the Son of David, is he?”

Accusation

- Pharisees
 - It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons
 - that this fellow drives out demons

Kingdom Power

- Jesus stands in opposition to Satan.
 - every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined
 - If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself.
 - How then can his kingdom stand?

Kingdom Power

- The Pharisees also oppose Satan.
 - if I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your people drive them out?
 - So then, they will be your judges.

Kingdom Power

- The power of God is at work.
 - if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God,
 - then, the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Kingdom Power

- The Kingdom of God is overpowering the kingdom of Satan.
 - he first ties up the strong man...
 - Then he can rob his house.

Warning

- Pick a side!
 - He who is not with me is against me,
 - he who does not gather with me scatters

Warning

- Be careful what you say!
 - every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men
 - but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven

Warning

- blasphemy
 - “slander, insult”
 - “speech that denigrates or defames”

Warning

- Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven
 - but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven...

Warning

- Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit
 - conscious, willful, malicious slander and rejection of the Holy Spirit,
 - attributing to Satan what is clearly recognizable as the work of the God

Warning

- A heart condition
 - You brood of vipers
 - how can you who are evil say anything good?

Warning

- out of the overflow of the heart
 - the mouth speaks
 - the good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him
 - evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him

Warning

- men will have to give account...for every careless word
 - “useless, unproductive, worthless”
 - by your words you will be acquitted
 - by your words you will be condemned

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- The Pharisees are worse off than the blind and mute man.
 - They see, but they reject the work of the Spirit.
 - They speak, but their words are worthless and bring condemnation.

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- Christ is overcoming the powers of darkness.
 - Recognize his work and join with him.
 - Be careful to speak words that lead to life.