

Matthew 12:43-45 **Evil spirits cast out – Dangers of return**

⁴³ "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. ⁴⁴ Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. ⁴⁵ Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Dealing with Unclean Spirits reveals an important truth:

There is a potential of danger [Matthew 12:43-45, Luke 11:24-26]

- ✚ When unclean spirits are cast out of a man.
 - ✧ They wander seeking to find a new host.
 - ✧ Returning, they find their former abode empty, swept, and put in order.
 - ✧ He then goes out and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself and they enter and dwell there.
 - ✧ The last state of the man is worse than the first.

- ✚ When evil spirits are cast out of a man, it is important that you do not leave the house empty, but make sure that the Holy Spirit moves inside, so when the evil spirit returns he will find the house occupied by one mightier than himself.
 - ✧ You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. [1 John 4:4]
 - ✧ If the Holy Spirit is not present in the man, then you have not helped the man at all, and instead you have opened him up to a worse fate than before.
 - ✧ So be sure when you are casting out evil spirits, that you lead the man to invite the Lord to dwell within, that he repents of his sins, and turns his life fully over to the Lord.
 - ✧ The Words of God would perfectly apply in this instance; "Oh, that they were wise, that they understood this, That they would consider their latter end!" [Deuteronomy 32:29]
- ✚ Exorcism only has value when a person is brought to saving knowledge of Jesus, and is open to receive the Holy Spirit as his guide to bring him to Christ.
 - ✧ Jesus said; "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." [Revelation 3:20]
 - ✧ "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you." NKJV [John 16:13-14]
 - ✧ Then we may be assured of the promise of Scripture: "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." [1 John 4:4]