

Mark 3 : 20-35—*Memory Verses, 28, 29.

Golden Text—This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.—John 3 : 19.



20 And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread.

21 And when his friends heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him : for they said, He is beside himself.

22 And the scribes which came down from Jeru'salem said, He hath Beel'zebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.

23 And he called them *unto him*, and said unto them in parables, How can Sa'tan cast out Sa'tan ?

24 And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

26 And if Sa'tan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

27 No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man ; and then he will spoil his house.

28 Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme :

29 But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation :

30 Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

31 There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him.

32 And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee.

33 And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren ?

34 And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren !

35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

THE LESSON RETOLD

For many days Jesus had taught and preached to the people, and still they gathered about Him in such crowds that He had not even time to eat. When His friends heard of it, they went out to take Him home, that He might get some rest and food. Now, among the crowd were some Jewish teachers and Pharisees who had come down from Jerusalem to hear Jesus preach and see Him work some miracles.

These Pharisees talked among themselves. "This is not the Messiah. Satan helps Him to cast out evil spirits." Now Jesus knew what they were saying, and calling them to

Him, said, "How can Satan cast out Satan ? How will Satan help Me to drive out his own evil spirits ? You know that no nation or family quarreling among themselves can hold together, and so Satan, rising up against his own evil spirits, would quickly put an end to his own power. Ask yourselves then, how I can cast out evil spirits from these poor sick people without first having overcome Satan himself. A strong man's house can only be robbed after he himself has been bound."

Jesus also told them that all kinds of sin shall be forgiven men, except the sin of re-

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