I. <u>THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD</u> (Matthew 12)

A. THE SERVANT OF THE LORD: SPIRIT UPON HIM (Mt.12:18,15f; see 3:16f)

1. healing diseases (Mt.12:9f; see 11:1f)

2. casting demons (Mt.12:28,22f)

3. raising dead (Mt.12:38-41; 9:18f; see Jn.10:17f)

B. THE ENEMIES OF THE LORD: SPIRIT BLASPHEMED BY THEM (Mt.12:30-32; see Mk.3:30)

1. reject given signs & receive final sign (Mt.12:22f & 38f; Mk.8:11,12; see Lk.16:31)

2. reject Holy Spirit & receive evil spirit (Mt.12:30-32 & 43-45; see Mk.3:30; see Neh.9:20; Ps.143:10)

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT OR THE UNCLEAN SPIRITS (Mt.12:25-32 or 43-45)

A. THE UNCLEAN SPIRIT GOES OUT (Mt.12:43a,22f; see Heb.6:4,5; Mt.7:22,23; see Jn.8:11; Jn.5:14)

B. THE UNCLEAN SPIRIT SEEKS A HOME (Mt.12:43b; see 8:31f; Lk.8:29; 9:42; 1Pt.5:8; Rev.18:2)

C. THE UNCLEAN SPIRIT RETURNS HOME (Mt.12:44a; see Mk.9:25; see Lk.15:17f)

D. THE UNCLEAN SPIRIT FINDS A VACANCY (Mt.12:44b; see 1Cor.7:5; Lk.15:8; 1Tm.2:9)

E. THE UNCLEAN SPIRIT GETS A TEAM (Mt.12:45a; see 8:28f; Lk.8:2,30; Rev.18:2)

F. THE UNCLEAN SPIRITS ENTER AND DWELL (Mt.12:45b; see Mk.9:25; Lk.8:30f; 22:3f)

G. WORSE THAN BEFORE (Mt.12:45; see 2Pt.2:20; Heb.6:4f; 10:26f)

H. THIS EVIL GENERATION (Mt.12:45,39; see Dt.1:35; see Hos.3:1)

III. <u>HAVE NO VACANCY IN YOUR SOUL!</u> (Mt.12:44b)

- **A. INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT SO THAT YOU WILL NOT BE INVADED BY EVIL SPIRITS** (Mt.12:24,28,39; 43f,45; Lk.11:13; see 1Sam.15:23,26; 16:14,etc.; Lk.8:30f; 22:3f; see 1Cor.5:5; 1Th.4:7,8; 2Th.2:10-13; see Rom.1:18f,23f(24,26,28))
- **B. BE INDWELT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT SO THAT YOU WILL NOT BE INDWELT BY EVIL SPIRITS** (Mt.12:24f,43f; see Rom.8:9,11; 1Cor.3:16; Eph.2:22; 2Tm.1:14; Jms.4:5; see Eph.5:18; Acts 2:42; 1Cor.2:13; Eph.2:18f)
- C. IN THE BENEFITS OF CHRIST THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, CAUSE RIGHTEOUSNESS TO DWELL IN YOUR LIFE SO THAT SIN DOES NOT RETURN! (Acts 26:18; Dan.9:13; see Rom.8:11f; Eph.4:30,25; Col.3:9,5f; 10,12f)
- **D. DREAD THE FEARFUL WITHDRAWALS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!** (1Sam.4:21; 16:14; Ps.51:11; Ezek.1:15f; 10:2,4,18f,23(43:1); Jer.24:8f; *WLC*,81; see 1Cor.5:5f)
- **E. IF YOU HAVE ENJOYED THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT, BE SURE TO MANIFEST HIS FRUIT** (Mt.12:33f; see Acts 2:42; 1Cor.12:4f; Gal.5:16-26; see Heb.6:4f)
- F. FRUIT, NOT GIFTS, ARE THE FAMILY RESEMBLANCE (Mt.12:46-50; see 7:22,23; see Heb.6:4f)