

MATTHEW

July 24, 2022

Matthew 12:43-50

READ

Matthew 12:43-50

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Who is Jesus speaking to (v. 45; c.f., v. 24, 34-35, 38)?

What sets them apart as “this evil generation”?

2. Jesus identifies this spirit as “unclean” (v. 43). What does this suggest in regard to the antagonist apart from the term “demon”?

3. What is preferable to waterless & restless places (vv. 43-44)?

What does it suggest that the man is “my house” (c.f., John 8:44)?

4. What gives the unclean spirit the green-light to return to the man (v. 44)? (In spite of what, the man is what?)

What has the man failed to do in the absence of the unclean spirit?

What does the Apostle Paul say we are to do (Ephesians 5:18)? What does this mean?

5. The spirit's response to finding the man unoccupied is to . . . (v. 45).

What is the end result?

6. How does Jesus use His earthly family as a point of contrast (vv. 46-49)?

7. Who are Jesus' true family members (v. 50)?

8. What is the will of the Father (John 6:40)?

How does this help resolve the problem presented in the preceding parable?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will behold the Lord Jesus this week by . . .

I will be filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18) this week by . . .

I will put on the full armor of God (Eph. 6:11) this week by . . .