

'God-Sent!'

Luke 11:14-16 recalls:

One day Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. And when the demon was gone, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowds were amazed, but some of them said, "It is by Beelzebul, the prince of the demons, that He drives out demons." And others tested Him by demanding a sign from heaven....

As the above account indicated, there were those who believed that it was the devil who helped Jesus performed these miracles:

The crowds were amazed, but some of them said, "It is by Beelzebul, the prince of the demons, that He drives out demons."

There were also those who wanted a sign from heaven to be convinced that Jesus depended on God in Heaven to perform His miracles:

And others tested Him by demanding a sign from heaven....

It is in this context that Jesus prayed in John 11: 41-42:

"Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

Matthew Henry Commentary on the above scripture (John 11:41-42) reads:

"It was blasphemously suggested by the Pharisees that Jesus wrought His miracles by compact with Satan. To evidence the contrary, he openly made this address to God, with uplifted eyes and loud voice, professing His communication with Heaven and dependence on Heaven, that they might be convinced that the Father had sent Him as His beloved Son into the world, to perform the works and to teach the doctrines they had seen and heard."

Let's apply the above principles to our lives:

1. There are some who may be reading this who still doubt the existence of God, and/or who don't believe that Jesus can help them with their problems. I would like to suggest to you that the same Jesus who performed great works in the past, can still perform a miracle in your life today.
2. Maybe you are going through a difficult situation in your life, and you are contemplating getting help from another source other than Jesus. Think twice before you make the biggest mistake of your life! God has sent Jesus into this world as a living sacrifice for you and for me. He was willing to die for our sins. Won't the same Jesus be more willing to turn your situation around? With child-like faith, take your problems to Him and allow Jesus to perform a miracle in your life.
3. Jesus himself testifies in Luke 4:18:

*“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;*

Like Jesus, God has sent us into this world to:

- (a) Preach the gospel to the poor;
- (b) Heal the broken-hearted;
- (c) Proclaim liberty to those held in bondage;
- (d) Restore sight to the blind;
- (e) Set free those who are oppressed.

We are supposed to be a ‘God-sent’- a blessing from heaven to others.

4. Your daily life is an ‘open testimony’ of Christ to others. Recently, I heard a friend of mine said, “People, some of whom you don’t know, are always looking at you. They usually don’t say anything. They simply observe. Be mindful. It is not only by the things you say, but also by what you do that others judge you.” And, as children of God, our actions can serve to either pull someone to Jesus, or push someone away from Him. Why? Because today people can’t see Jesus in His physical body. They see Jesus through us: in what we say, and mainly, in the things that we do.

5. Being a ‘God-sent’ person, be careful not to undertake anything other than that which is **the will of God for your life**. There is a need to say this to someone. At times, I have found myself being busy, doing what is **good**, but not what is **right**. Prayerfully ask God to show you the difference. When we walk in the will of God we do what is right – the things that line up with God’s purpose for our lives. It is only through prayer and studying God’s Word that we are able to discern the subtle difference, at times, between ‘good’ and ‘right.’ Let’s pray.

Heavenly Father,

“Thank You for Your Son Jesus who turned the hearts of many to You, O Lord. Help me to flow in His grace and His anointing. Show me how to be a blessing to others that they may believe in You. Teach me how to live right so that others may see Christ in me, and be drawn to You. I thank You for using me to:

- (a) Preach the gospel to the poor;
- (b) Heal the broken-hearted;
- (c) Proclaim liberty to those held in bondage;
- (d) Restore sight to the blind;

(e) To set free those who are oppressed.

O Lord, reveal unto me the right things that I ought to do in order to achieve Your divine purpose for my life. All praise, honour and glory belong to You, O God. In Jesus' mighty name I pray with thanksgiving. Amen."

Memory Verse:

"Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." - Matthew 9:38