

"If I by the Spirit of God cast out demons, then is the Kingdom of God come upon you." (Matt. 12:28)

-or if you prefer Luke's account, it is by the FINGER of God (Luke 11:20 cf. Exodus 31:18). It is apparent that the Spirit of God is the Finger of God and that the Kingdom of God means the Rule of God. That is to say, **the Rule of God has displaced the rule of satan whenever demons are cast out.**

What a glorious description and vindication of the deliverance ministry are these words of the Lord!

How wonderful it is to know that the Kingdom or Rule of God in and over the human **heart, SOUL, MIND and BODY** obviously increases step by step as **unclean** spirits are cast out and the **HOLY** Spirit prayed in.

This infers a progressive growth in the Kingdom of God (cf. Mark 4:28-32) and is clearly the teaching of the context of the passage in Matthew. That is, the blind and dumb demoniac was healed (therapied), which confirms this fourth foundation point that deliverance is a demonstration of God's cleansing power, and it is also a demonstration of the Kingdom (Rule) of God.

(v) Deliverance Exposes True and False Christians

"Or how can one enter a strong (man's) house and plunder his vessels, unless he first binds the strong?. Then indeed he may plunder his house. He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters" (Matt 12:29-30).

Jesus spoke the above words in the context of the **dramatic healing and deliverance of a blind and dumb demoniac**. Satan had expanded his kingdom or rule in the unfortunate person to include blindness and dumbness, but not for long. What a mighty Saviour and Lord we have!

The Christian cannot sit on the fence regarding Christ's deliverance ministry - it will sort you out - HE will sort you out and shake you like you have never been sorted out and shaken before. You say you are a Christian? You say you have fully committed your life to Christ whatever the cost? Then you dare not make a mistake about your assessment of a deliverance ministry! Because if it is Christ's, then the Kingdom of God is right there and you cannot even stand by neutrally. **You must**