

The Finger Of God

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Luke 11:20 (ESV)

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The use of the term “Finger of God” goes back to the time of Moses when he was performing mighty miracles in Egypt.

Exodus 8:19 (ESV)

Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, **“This is the finger of God.”**

This links God’s power demonstrated through Moses with the same power demonstrated through Jesus in the Kingdom. It is important to note that Matthew identifies the Holy Spirit as The Finger of God!

Matthew 12:28 (ESV)

But if it is by **the Spirit of God** that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Therefore, we can easily say that The Holy Spirit in us is The Finger of God working in this world!

Context is very informative. Jesus has just finished teaching HIS disciples how to pray. Now Jesus points out that there is evil spiritual activity in the world that only can be impacted by prayer and The Finger of God. Therefore Jesus is teaching us that should stand in the same power today.

1 Corinthians 4:20 (ESV)

For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk **but in power.**

By looking at what Jesus is facing, we can understand the evil we are facing today.

Luke 11:14–26 (ESV)

¹⁴ Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵ But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” (basically they were saying Jesus was working with Satan to cast out demons.) ¹⁶ while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But he, **knowing their thoughts**, said to them, **“Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸ And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand?** For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰ **But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. (God working through Jesus was evidence of the operation of the kingdom of God on this earth.)** ²¹ (Now HE tells them what is happening.) When a strong man (Satan), fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²² but when one stronger (Jesus) than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.

²³ Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. (Listen: You stand with Jesus or against HIM. You gather or by default you scatter working counter to Jesus.)

²⁴ (Now Jesus warns the people. When you cast out the evil spirit you must replace it with Jesus or you will end up worse off than ever before.) “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ (This is the reason we need to be filled with the Holy spirit.) ²⁵ And when the evil spirit comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. (Listen: This is frightening!)

²⁶ Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.” (It is not the cure itself that is so important, but the receiving Jesus.)

In this world there is evil spiritual activity that only “The Finger of God” can impact. Or as Matthew says, only The Holy Spirit can impact. These are truths we must embrace or we will be walking in defeat never understanding what is going on around us!

In the midst of this evil, we know who we are and the reason for the things happening around us!

1 John 5:19 (ESV)

We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in **the power of the evil one.**

In the midst of this evil Satan disguises himself, and we know who is behind all anti-Christian attacks!

2 Corinthians 11:13–14 (ESV)

¹³ For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no wonder, for even **Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.**

In the midst of this evil Satan captures people in lies, and we know that only God can bring a change of mind.

2 Timothy 2:24–26 (ESV)

²⁴ And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, ²⁵ correcting his opponents with gentleness. **God may perhaps grant them repentance (change of mind)** leading to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and **they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.**

False teaching is ultimately demonic. This is how Satan has taken people captive to do his will. The statement "*That they will come to their senses*" literally means 'that they may return to soberness'. As in the case of intoxication, the devil's method is 'to numb the conscience, confuse the senses, thus paralyze the will'. Therefore, "We must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting our opponents with gentleness **so that** God may work with power!"

For the Finger of God to move our job is simple!

Luke 10:5–6 (ESV)

⁵ **Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’** ⁶ **And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him.**

Speaking peace is simple! Keep it simple!

Romans 5:1 (ESV)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

The message is simple! Keep it simple!

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

There is not any condemnation with Jesus! There is only peace through The Finger of God!

John 3:17 (ESV)

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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