

## GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE

Text: Mark 5:18-20

(Transcript note: “#44 Inv.”)

INTRO: Our text tells of the healing of a man who had been severely oppressed by Satan. Let us note some of the facts of the case, & some spiritual lessons we may apply in our own situations.

### I. THIS MAN WAS UNDER SATAN’S POWER.

A. In those days, Satan had the power of demon possession—the power to control a person against that person’s will. In this man’s case, Satan made him insane. Satan made him unfit to live with. Satan made him uncontrollable. READ MARK 5:1-10.

B. But Jesus was in the process of binding Satan. Satan no longer has the power to cause demon possession.

Matt 12:28-29, But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.

1. Today, Satan cannot control us against our will, but he can tempt us, entice us, deceive us & enslave us, if we are willing to submit to his will.

2. If we serve Satan’s aims & goals, it is by our choice.

### II. JESUS FREED THIS MAN FROM SATAN’S POWER.

READ vs. 11-17.

A. Freed from Satan’s power, he was clothed & in his right mind.

B. But Jesus not only gave the man deliverance—He gave him a message of deliverance for others, vs. 18-19.

C. Tho the man was desirous of going with Jesus immediately, Jesus told him to go to his home & to his friends & tell them

what great things the Lord had done for him. And the man obeyed Christ's instructions, vs. 20.

III. IF WE HAVE TRULY MET THE LORD, HE HAS ALSO DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US.

A. Forgiveness of sins.

Acts 13:37-38, He whom God raised up saw no corruption. Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins;

B. He made us an heir of heaven.

Rom 8:15-17, For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

C. He has filled our hearts with a peace that defies explanation.

Phil 4:7, The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

D. The promise that God will hear & answer our prayers.

1 John 5:14, Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him

E. A relationship with the best people on earth—God's people.

Mark 10:28-30, Then Peter began to say to Him, "See, we have left all & followed You." So Jesus answered & said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake & the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time--houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and

children and lands, with persecutions--and in the age to come, eternal life.

**CONCLUSION:** If you are not yet a Christian, the Lord is waiting to do great things for you.

If you have already become a Christian, your mission is the same as the man we've read about in Mark chapter 5—Go to your family & to your friends & tell them what great things the Lord has done—and is still doing, for you.

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