

Treasure Hunt

- How is the Solomon's interaction with the Queen of Sheba different from Jonah's interaction with the men of Nineveh?
- How is our Lord "greater than Solomon"?
- How is the story of the man with the unclean spirit relevant to the episode with the scribes and Pharisees?
- How does the paragraph about the Lord's family function in the broader structure of Matthew?
- How does a focus on the Lord's physical family reinforce the illustrations he has been using with the Pharisees?
- What is the significance of the physical location of his family, and their request to him?
- How is this episode parallel to John 7:1-5?
- Does the Lord's call to obedience in 12:50 and 7:21 contradict Paul's teaching about justification by grace through faith? Why or why not?

Overview of Matthew 12:1-38

Rejection by Jews (Pharisees)

1-8 Picking grain on the Sabbath

2 But when the **Pharisees** saw *it*, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

9-14 Healing on the Sabbath

14 Then the **Pharisees** went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

22-37 Casting out a Demon

24 But when the **Pharisees** heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

38-45 Seeking a Sign

38 Then certain of the scribes and of the **Pharisees** answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

Turning to the Gentiles

15-21 Healing great multitudes

18 he shall shew judgment to the **Gentiles**.
21 And in his name shall the **Gentiles** trust.

Two Lessons from the OT

from Jonah 3	from 1 Kings 10
41 The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it:	42 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it:
because OTI they repented at the preaching of Jonas;	for OTI she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon;
and, behold, a greater than Jonas <i>is</i> here.	and, behold, a greater than Solomon <i>is</i> here.

Deu 32:21 They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. [cf. Rom 10:19]

The Queen of the South

1Ki 10:1 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions. 2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

3 And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not *any* thing hid from the king, which he told her not.

4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built, 5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her. 6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. 7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen *it*: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard. 8 Happy *are* thy men, happy *are* these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, *and* that hear thy wisdom. 9 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice. 10 And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

Spirits and Bodies

Mat 8:31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

Eph 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, **the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:**

Eze 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. 26 A new heart **also** will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.

Overview of Matthew 12-13

Rejection by Pharisees	His True People
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<p>9-14 Healing on the Sabbath 14 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.</p>	<p>15-21 Healing great multitudes 18 he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles. 21 And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.</p>
<p>22-37 Casting out a Demon 24 But when the Pharisees heard <i>it</i>, they said, This <i>fellow</i> doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.</p>	
<p>38-45 Seeking a Sign 38 Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.</p>	
	<p>46-50 His true family 50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.</p>

	Ch. 12	Ch. 13
Public Rejection	1-45, the Pharisees reject the Lord	1-52, the Lord rejects unbelievers (by hiding his teaching in parables)
Private Rejection	46-50, the Lord rejects his family	53-58, his home town rejects the Lord

The Significance of the House

Observe: “his mother and his brethren stood **without**”

- Outdoors: public, with multitudes and adversaries
- Indoors: private, with disciples

Mat 13:1 The same day went Jesus **out of the house**, and sat by the sea side. 2 And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, ... 36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went **into the house**: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

Mar 10:2 And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him. ... 10 And **in the house** his disciples asked him again of the same matter.

Light in Two Directions

14a Ye are the light of the world.

14b A city that is set on an hill **cannot be hid.**

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto **all that are in the house.**



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The Lamp in the House: Luke 11

Extent	Matt 5:14-15	Luke 11:29-36
To all the world	14b A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.	29 And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet. 30 For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation. 31 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon <i>is</i> here. 32 The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas <i>is</i> here.
To the community	15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.	33 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth <i>it</i> in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light.
Individual		34 The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when <i>thine</i> eye is evil, thy body also <i>is</i> full of darkness. 35 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. 36 If thy whole body therefore <i>be</i> full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

Our Lord's Brethren in John 7

Context: Jewish opposition (cf. Matt 12:14)

Joh 7:1 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because **the Jews sought to kill him.**

Interacting with his brethren

Joh 7:2 Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand. 3 His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. 4 For *there is* no man *that* doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world.

They do not support him

Joh 7:5 For **neither did his brethren believe in him.**

The Need to Do the Will of the Father (v. 50)

Compare:

Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Relation to justification by grace?

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

But Paul agrees:

Act 20:20 I kept back nothing that was profitable *unto you*, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, 21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, **repentance** toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto **good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

1Co 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall **inherit the kingdom of God**.