CASTING OUT EVIL SPIRITS
Acts 19:13-20

INTRODUCTION:
A. God had wrought miracles by the hand of Paul
   1) They were "special"
   2) They were often initiated by his sweat clothes and his aprons
   3) They were of two categories, disease and evil spirits
B. Certain Jews assumed that "Jesus" was a magic name and tried
to cast out demons
   1) They were totally incorrect
   2) They failed miserably

I. The Act of Exorcism vs. 13-19
A. The imposters who used the name of Jesus
   1) "vagabond" = perierchomai = "to go about", "wander"
   2) "exorcists" = exorkistes = "one who uses an oath", "one
      who by adjuration professes to expel demons"
   3) They cast out evil spirits by binding them
B. They were self-appointed
   1) "took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits
      the name of the Lord Jesus"
   2) "We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preached"
   3) "adjure" = horkizo = "to cause to swear", "to lay under
      obligation of an oath", "to beseech"
C. They were religious vs. 14
   1) There were seven sons
   2) Their father was a Chief Priest
D. The response of the spirit vs. 15
   1) "Jesus I know" = ginosko = "I recognize"
   2) "Paul I know" = eristamai = "I am aquainted"
   3) "but who are you"
E. The response of the man vs. 16
   1) He leaped on them = hephallomai = "to spring upon
      as a panther"
   2) He overcame them = katakurieuo = "to become the
      master", "to subdue"
   3) He prevailed against them = hischuo = "to be strong",
      "to overcome"
   4) He drove them from the house
   5) "wounded" = traumatizo = "traumatized", "to hurt",
      "to damage"
II. The Response of the General Public vs. 17-20

A. All the people in Ephesus heard about it
   1) The Jews and Greeks heard
   2) All those living in Ephesus

B. They were filled with fear
   1) "fear fell on them all"
   2) "there was wide-spread awe"

C. They magnified the name of Jesus
   1) "the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified"
   2) megaluno = "to make large" (respected)

III. The Response of Many Believers vs. 18

A. Many came and confessed
   1) They, "shewed their deeds"
   2) "made public statements of their sins and all their acts"
   3) They had continued their acts of superstition and magic after their salvation

B. Many burned their books on magic vs. 19
   1) "curious arts" = periergor = "all around", "working", "overdoing", "meddling into the affairs of others", "over curious and looking too deeply into things not their business". "Magic"
   2) They voluntarily brought THEIR books of magic and burned them publicly
   3) $3,000.00 to $10,000.00 worth
   4) We may do as we please with our property

IV. The Power of Doing Right vs. 20

A. "So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed"
   1) "mightily" = kratos = "strength", "might", "power in effect", "force", "superiority"
   2) "grew" = hauxano = "to grow". The impf. pictures the continual growth
   3) "prevailed" = ischuo = "to be strong", "to have efficacy", "Thus mightily did the Lord’s word spread and triumph"

B. Things they didn’t do
   1) We aren’t hurting anyone
   2) This is our own business
   3) Sell the books for profit
   4) This is just amusement
   5) We can use it to win others
V. What Does This Mean To Me?

A. Why are people sick?
   1) Physiologically induced, the most common
   2) Psychosomatic induced, from mind to body
   3) Demon or evil spirit induced
   4) All things that are evil, come from the evil one. Good comes from God.

B. What can we do today?
   1) Remember that Satan is an adversary
   2) Take on the whole armour of God
   3) Watch and Pray
   4) Grow in Grace and in the Knowledge
   5) Let God magnify His power through our suffering
   6) Use the Bible as our source of instruction
   7) Don’t meddle in the occult

C. Things we must know
   1) Jesus had special power
   2) The Apostles had special power
   3) The early church had special power
   4) Antichrist will have special power