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LET US ALONE.

Luke 4:34

I. DEMONS WANT JESUS TO LET THEM ALONE.

1. WHAT HE WOULD DO TO THEM

- A. EXPOSE THEM
- B. CAST THEM OUT - DEFEAT THEM - *art thou come to destroy us?*
- C. PUNISH THEM - *mt. 8: 29. "to torment us before the time"*

2. THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD HIM

- A. WITHDRAWAL - *what have we to do with thee?*
- B. FEAR
- C. COMMENDATION - *the Holy One of God.*

III. SINNERS WANT JESUS TO LET THEM ALONE.

1. WHY?

- A. BECAUSE OF THEIR SHAME OF THEIR SIN
- B. BECAUSE OF THEIR DELIGHT IN THEIR SIN
- C. BECAUSE OF THEIR BONDAGE TO THEIR SIN

2. HOW JESUS DISTURBS THE SINNER

- A. BY CONSCIENCE
- B. BY THE WORD OF GOD
- C. BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
- D. BY THE TESTIMONY OF CHRISTIAN WITNESSES

II. SOME CHRISTIANS APPARENTLY WANT GOD TO LET THEM ALONE AFTER THEY ARE SAVED.

1. THIS ATTITUDE IMMEDIATELY CAUSES A JUSTIFIABLE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE REALLY BEEN SAVED.

2. GOD DOES NOT WANT TO LEAVE YOU ALONE.

- A. HE WANTS TO HELP YOU IN YOUR CHRISTIAN LIFE.

- B. HE WANTS TO STRENGTHEN YOU IN YOUR TEMPTATIONS.

- C. HE WANTS TO SPREAD HIS FAME ABROAD, (V.37).

- (1) HIS PERSON
- (2) HIS OFFICES, AS PROPHET, PRIEST, AND KING.
- (3) HIS WORKS; HE REDEEMS, RESCUES, AND RECEIVES SINNERS.
- (4) HIS RELATIONSHIP TO HIS PEOPLE

3. SPIRITUAL ISOLATION LEADS TO SPIRITUAL ~~SUICIDE~~ *desolation*

CONCLUSION: THE GREATEST TRAGEDY THAT CAN HAPPEN TO A LOST PERSON IS FOR GOD TO SAY, "LET HIM ALONE." —
 "HOLY SPIRIT, DON'T CONVICT HIM OR DRAW HIM ANY MORE,
 "MY CHILDREN, DON'T PLEAD WITH HIM ANY LONGER;
 "HE IS HOPELESSLY LOST!"

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