

No Place for the Devil

(Based on Mark 3:22-30, Matthew 12:22-45, Luke
11:14-36)

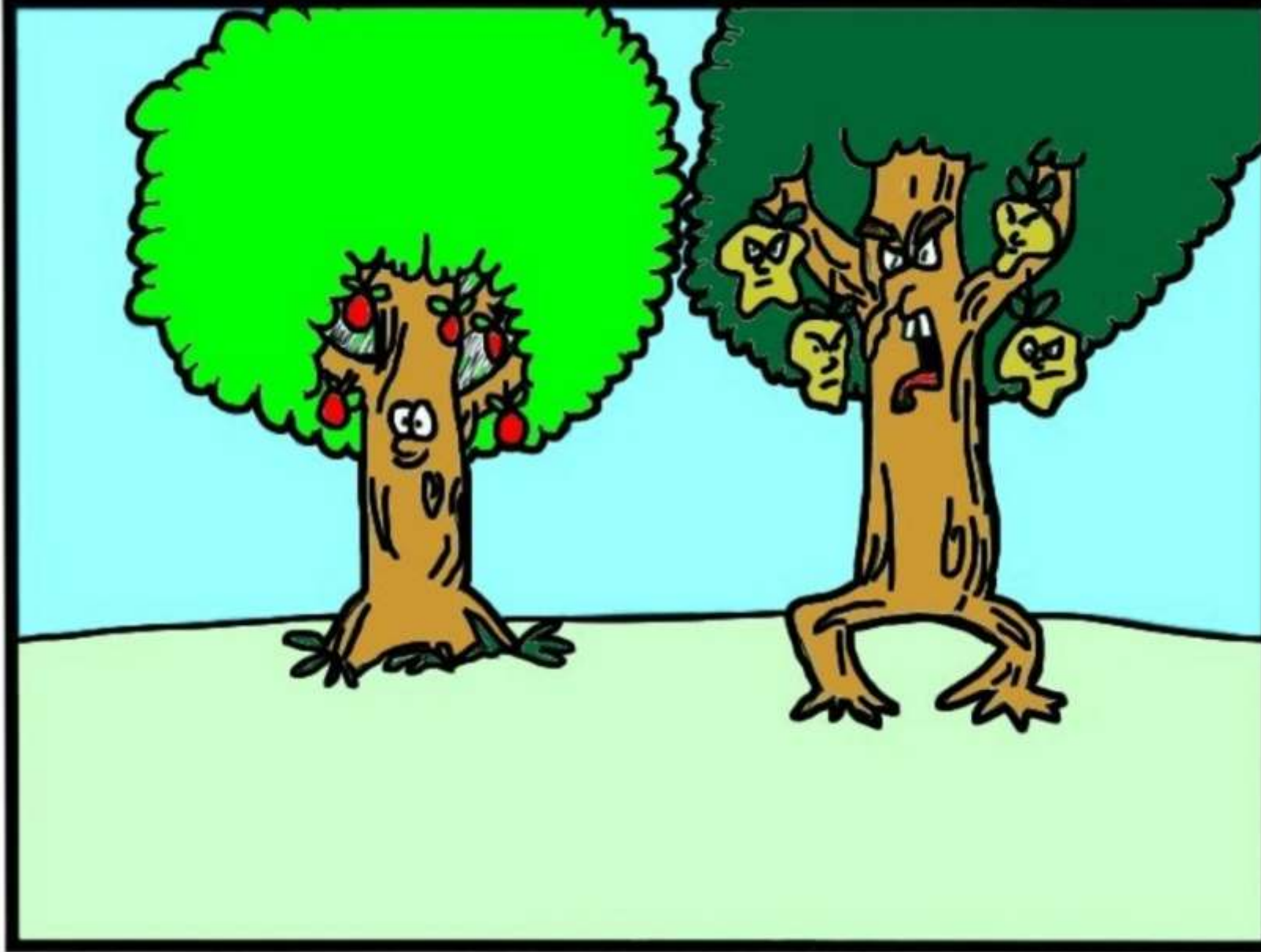
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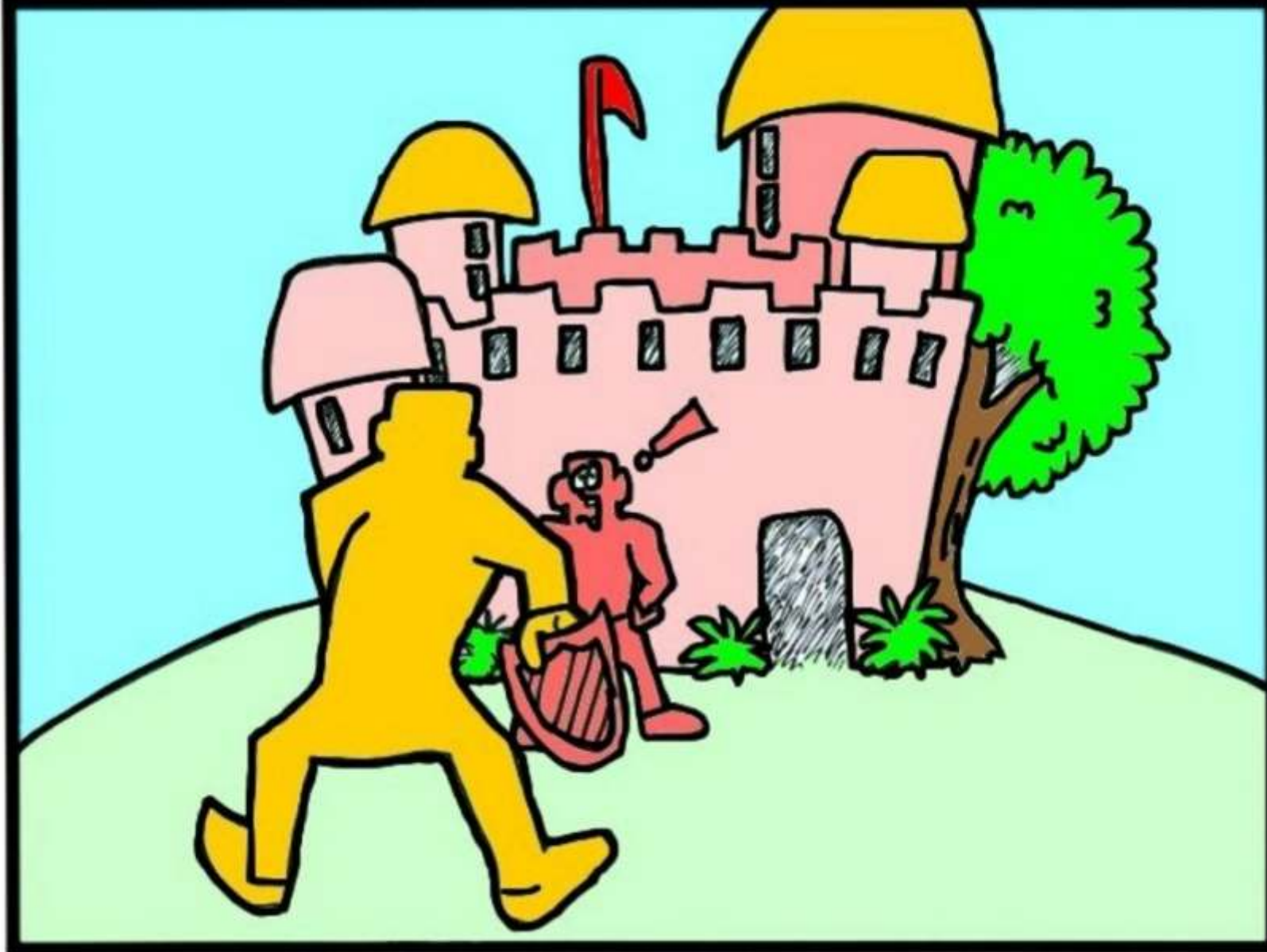
Jesus commanded an evil spirit, that was stopping a man from being able to speak, to leave the man. When the spirit was gone the man could speak. Phony religious people said that Jesus used Beelzebub, prince of the demons to get rid of evil spirits.



Jesus answered, "How can Satan kick Satan out? If Satan was fighting against himself, he would come to an end. But if I, by the Spirit of God, cast out devils, then the kingdom of God has come to you.



Either be a good tree and have good fruit or be a bad tree and have bad fruit. We know if a tree is good or bad by the kind of fruit that grows on it. You bunch of snakes how can you say good things when your hearts are full of evil?



When a strong man guards his palace, his stuff is safe, but when a stronger man than him comes and overpowers him, he takes away the armour he was trusting in and divides all his stuff.



When an evil spirit leaves a person, he goes through dry places, looking for rest. Then he says, 'I'm going back to my old house.' When he returns he finds it clean and empty. 'I'll get seven evil spirits worse than me, and we'll move in.' In the end that person is worse than when he started."



Lord, help me to fill up my life with you and your Word, then I will never have to worry about the devil finding any place in my heart.