

# **Unpardonable Sin**

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### Texts:

#### Matthew 12:31-37,

**31. “And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.**

**32. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.**

**33. Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit.**

**34. You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.**

**35. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.**

**36. But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken.**

**37. For by your words you will be acquitted and by your words you will be condemned.”**

#### Mark 3:28-30,

**28. “I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them.**

**29. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin.”**

**30. He said this because they were saying, “He has an evil spirit.”**

## **Commentary:**

**Matthew 12:31, “And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.**

I In view of what had been seen and heard regarding the healing of the man who before had been blind and speechless, Jesus declared:

II. “ ... the sin (blasphemy) against the Spirit shall not be forgiven.”

A. All other sins are pardonable.

B. What is this unpardonable sin, the sin against the Spirit?

**C. Mark 3:29, 30, But whoever blasphemes against the Holy spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin.” He said this because they were saying, “He has an evil spirit.”**

D. The person who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness! Such a person is guilty of an eternal sin.

III. Eternal sins:

**A. 1 John 5:16, If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that does not lead to death, he should pray and God will give him life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that.**

**B. Hebrews 6:4-6, It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.**

**C. 1 Thessalonians 5:19, Do not put out (quench) the Spirit's fire; ...**

**D. 2 Peter 2:20, 21, If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning.**

**E. 1 Corinthians 11:30, That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.**

**F. Hebrews 10:26, 27, If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left ...**

**G. James 1:15, Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.**

#### IV. Sins against the Holy Spirit:

**A. Galatians 5:16, So I say, live by the spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.**

**B. Acts 7:51, “You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You’re just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit!**

**C. Ephesians 4:30, And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.**

**D. Acts 5:3, Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?**

**E. Mark 3:29, But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin.**

V. The Pharisees were so opposed to Jesus, obstinate in their position, “set in their ways” that they either could not or would not repent. This makes any and all sins fatal to the soul, unforgivable!

**A. Isaiah 5:20, Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.**

**Matthew 12:32, Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.**

I. Anyone who speaks a word against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven in this world nor in the world to come.

**A. Many spoke against Christ during his ministry but later on or after Pentecost repented and believed in him.**

B. Those who rejected the gospel as delivered by the Spirit had no other chance of salvation. Their last hope had been rejected!

C. They had no other hope of forgiveness in this world (age) or the world, age to come in eternity.

II. No sin unforgiven in this world will be forgiven in the world to come!

**Matthew 12:33, Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit.**

I. Jesus said the Pharisees should “shape up;” that is, make their tree and fruits good or know that their corrupt tree will bear corrupt fruit and will destroy them!

II. Jesus had about “had it” with these Pharisees and reminded them that they were known by their fruits.

III. Know, Jesus said, that I and my works are good or I and my works are bad. I and my deeds are of the same character. “If healing the blind and speechless man was good, then I am good,” Jesus said.

**Matthew 12:34, You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.**

I. Jesus said the Pharisees were “children of snakes,” corrupt to the core, evil (a corrupt tree) and could not speak good things.

II. Out of the abundance of the heart (the true nature of the tree) the mouth speaks, fruit is produced.

A. The evil works of the Pharisees proceed from inner corruption.

**B. Proverbs 4:23, Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.**

**Matthew 12:35, The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.**

I. The good man brings good things out of his good treasure.

II. The evil man brings evil things out of his evil treasure.

III. What the Pharisees had literally done was to speak against Jesus. Hence the emphasis on evil speaking.

**Matthew 12:36, But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken.**

I. Evil speaking can condemn the soul.

II. “Every idle word that men shall speak, they will give account thereof in the day of judgment!”

III. “Idle words” are such as were spoken by the Pharisees attributing Christ’s works to the power of the devil.

A. “Idle words” show rebellion against God and his righteousness.

B. “Idle words” here are not simply “slips of the tongue.”

**Matthew 12:37, For by your words you will be acquitted and by your words you will be condemned.”**

I. By our words we will be justified.

A. **James 3:2, We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.**

B. Speaking kindly the gospel of Christ and speaking courteously and respectfully to all contributes to our salvation.

II. By our words we will be condemned.

A. Cursing, denying the gospel, expressions of hatred and subversions of the truth contribute to eternal condemnation.

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### Questions

1. Every \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will be forgiven men except for the \_\_\_\_\_ against the \_\_\_\_\_ which will not be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Anyone who speaks a word against the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_, but anyone who speaks against the \_\_\_\_\_ will not be \_\_\_\_\_, either in this \_\_\_\_\_ or in the \_\_\_\_\_ to come.
3. Make a tree \_\_\_\_\_ and its \_\_\_\_\_, or make a tree \_\_\_\_\_ and its fruit will be \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ man brings \_\_\_\_\_ things out of the \_\_\_\_\_ stored up in him, and the \_\_\_\_\_ man brings \_\_\_\_\_ things out of the \_\_\_\_\_ stored up in him.
5. Men will have to give \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ for every \_\_\_\_\_ they have \_\_\_\_\_. By your \_\_\_\_\_ you will be \_\_\_\_\_ and by your \_\_\_\_\_ you will be \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ against the \_\_\_\_\_ will never be \_\_\_\_\_, he is \_\_\_\_\_ of an \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus said this because they were saying, "He has an \_\_\_\_\_."

7. Exactly what is the “blasphemy against the Holy Spirit?” \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Exactly what is the “sin that leads to death? (See 1 John 5:16) \_\_\_\_\_

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9. How are the “blasphemy against the Holy Spirit” and the “sin that leads to death” alike and how are they different? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. How concerned is our society about sin? \_\_\_\_\_

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