

## BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Key Verse : - Luke 12:8-10** *Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of Yahweh: 9 But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of Yahweh. 10 And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Spirit it shall not be forgiven.*

There is a genuine fear among some sensitive saints that they may have committed the unpardonable sin. The enemy sometimes plays upon this fear leaving individuals dejected and feeling hopeless, wondering if Yahweh has finished with them. On the other hand other persons hold this charge against those who may question their works or the spirit behind their beliefs. What then is this sin called blasphemy against the Holy Spirit?

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- a) Matt 12 : 22-37
- b) It is important to notice the context in which Yahshua spoke.
  - 1) Genuine, undeniable miracles were being performed by Yahshua
  - 2) They were Messianic miracles
  - 3) The power of the Holy Spirit was evident
  - 4) The Pharisee attributed these miracles to Beelzebub
  - 5) Beelzebub Gk = "Lord of the house", "lord of the flies" another name for Satan.
  - 6) Their argument was futile for Satan is doomed if he fights against himself.
- c) ***Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit' is fundamentally an informed, self-conscious and persistent rejection of the Holy Spirit's witness to Messiah.***

### CONFIRMATION BY PARALLEL PASSAGES

- a) Heb 6:4-8
- b) Here we see that someone who has clear understanding of the gospel and participated in the life of the Assembly then turns around and actively and persistently opposes it cannot repent and be forgiven, as they are denying Messiah.
- c) As with the Matthew passage above, such apostasy exposes the person as having a hard and unfruitful/unconverted heart. All that is left is judgement.
- d) Heb 10 26-31
- e) Here the writer expands on the nature of the unforgivable sin mentioned in Hebrews.
- f) ***Note that more than a normal rejection of the gospel is meant here –***
- g) ***but rather a persistent and knowledgeable rejection of the Truth. Once again - the unforgivable nature of this sin and severity of its punishment is stressed.***
- h) 1John 5:16 Here John urges saints not to pray for the salvation of those who have consciously and actively rejected the Holy Spirit's testimony. Why? Because they have cut themselves off from the only means of grace that can bring their salvation.

**Think on these things: -Seeing that 'blasphemy of the Spirit' is a hardened opposition to Him and His work, someone who worries about having committed it certainly has not - for anyone who has (like these Pharisees, and Judas) would not care - and probably not even realise they had. Even in the midst of these fearful passages there are precious promises to those who are truly saved, whose hearts have been changed, that they will not perish but will heed these warnings and persevere (eg: Hebrews 6:9 & 10:39).**