Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit

PART II OF MATTHEW 12:22 - 32







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πᾶσα – all, every, any

Isaiah 1:18

18 "Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool."

Micah 7:18 & 19

¹⁸ Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity and passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in unchanging love. 19 He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

Isaiah 43:24b&25; 44:22

²⁴ Rather you have burdened Me with your sins, You have wearied Me with your iniquities. ²⁵ "I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

²² "I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud and your sins like a heavy mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you."

In evil long I took delight
Unawed by shame or fear
Till a new object met my sight
And stopped my wild career

"I know not that I have ever since met so daring a blasphemer.....that such a wretch should not only be spared and pardoned, but reserved to the honor of preaching the Gospel, which I had blasphemed and renounced repeatedly."

- John Newton

I Timothy 1:12-15

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service, 13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief; 14 and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus. 15 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.

II. Blasphemy <u>against</u> the Holy Spirit is <u>unforgiveable</u>.

"This was the clearest, most evident and powerful presentation of Jesus as the Christ that one could ever receive." – D.A. Carson "This sin consists in the conscious, malicious, and willful rejection and slander, against evidence and conviction, of the testimony of the Holy Spirit respecting the grace of God in Christ, attributing it out of hatred and enmity to the Prince of Darkness in committing that sin man willfully, maliciously, and intentionally attributes what is clearly recognized as the word of God to the influence and operation of Satan." - L. Berkhof

"For penitence they substitute hardening, for confession plotting. Thus, by means of their own criminal and completely inexcusable callousness, they are dooming themselves. Their sin is unpardonable because they are unwilling to tread the path that leads to pardon. For a thief, an adulterer, and a murderer there is hope. The message of the Gospel may cause him to cry out, 'O God be merciful to me, the sinner.' But when a man has become hardened, so that he has made up his mind not to pay any attention to the promptings of the Spirit, not even to listen to His pleading and warning voice, he has placed himself on the road that leads to perdition. He has sinned the sin 'unto death.'" - W. Hendriksen

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WARNING: Refusing to believe is <u>dangerous</u>.

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Daily Prayer - "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer." - Psalm 19:1