

The Nature and Work of The Holy Spirit

Lesson 9
Blasphemy Against The Holy Spirit

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Introduction

- All of these lessons about the Holy Spirit have been challenging to prepare
- This is especially true of this last lesson
- Although in this and each lesson I have sought for the Truth, I realize that it is possible that I could be wrong in my conclusions
- Therefore, humble earnest and continual search for Truth about the Holy Spirit must continue with much prayer

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Introduction

- Jesus gives a stern warning about blaspheming against the Holy Spirit
- What exactly is this sin?
- If we commit such a sin, can we be forgiven?
- Or, is this the unpardonable sin?
- What conditions are attached to God forgiving our sins?

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The Occasion Where Jesus Warns About Blaspheming Against The Holy Spirit

- Jesus casts out a demon from a man who has been made both mute and blind
- Seeing this, the crowd reacts with humble honest souls being amazed
- But, the scribes and Pharisees accuse Jesus of casting out demons by Satan's power
- Jesus responds with irrefutable arguments
- He also warns them of blaspheming against the Holy Spirit

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What Is Blasphemy?

Num 15:30 'But the person who does anything defiantly, whether he is native or an alien, that one is blaspheming the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from among his people.

Num 15:31 'Because he has despised the word of the LORD and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt will be on him.'"

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Jesus Falsely Accused of Blasphemy

Joh 5:16 For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.

Joh 5:17 But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working."

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Joh 5:18 For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

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What Is Blasphemy?

- To blaspheme means to act openly and defiantly against God's commandments
- This means one rebels against God when they know better
- It would also include the idea of speaking harmful and slanderous words against God, seeking to ruin His reputation and encourage others to disparage and disobey Him

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Jesus Casts Out A Demon and The Crowd Is Amazed

Mat 12:22 Then a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute was brought to Jesus, and He healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw.

Mat 12:23 All the crowds were amazed, and were saying, "This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?"

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Luk 11:14 And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute; when the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed.

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The Scribes and Pharisees Accuse Jesus of Casting Out Demons By Satan's Power

Mat 12:24 But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons."

Mar 3:22 The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."

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Argument 1 Satan Would Not Fight Against Himself

Mat 12:25 And knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them, "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself will not stand.

Mat 12:26 "If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand?"

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Argument 1 Satan Would Not Fight Against Himself

Mar 3:23 And He called them to Himself and began speaking to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan?"

Mar 3:24 "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

Mar 3:25 "If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

Mar 3:26 "If Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but he is finished!

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Argument 2 Disciples of Pharisees Must Also Be Casting Out Demons By Satan

Mat 12:27 "If I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? For this reason they will be your judges.

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Argument 3 Since He Casts Out Demons By The Holy Spirit God's Kingdom Has Come

Mat 12:28 "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Luk 11:20 "But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

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Argument 4 Casting Out Demons Proves Jesus Is More Powerful Than Satan

Mat 12:29 "Or how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.

Mat 12:30 "He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

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Argument 4 Casting Out Demons Proves Jesus Is More Powerful Than Satan

Luk 11:21 "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are undisturbed.

Luk 11:22 "But when someone stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away from him all his armor on which he had relied and distributes his plunder.

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Mar 3:30 because they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

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Luk 12:10 "And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him.

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What Is Blasphemy Against The Holy Spirit?

- Jesus had cast out demons by the Holy Spirit
- Jesus' enemies accused Him of casting out demons by Satan
- He warns them about blaspheming against the Holy Spirit which has no forgiveness
- Due to their hatred of Jesus, they denied His miracles were by the Holy Spirit and attributed them to Satan

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What Is Blasphemy Against The Holy Spirit?

- If they continued to speak evil of the Holy Spirit and reject the only evidence He provided to convince men to turn from their sins to the gospel, then they would have no hope of turning back to God
- Therefore, blaspheming against the Holy Spirit is a continual sin where we knowingly speak evil things against Him, reject all evidence He provides and encourage others to reject Him

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Mat 12:33 "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit.

Mat 12:34 "You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.

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What Is Blasphemy Against The Holy Spirit?

Mat 12:35 "The good man brings out of his good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of his evil treasure what is evil.

Mat 12:36 "But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.

Mat 12:37 "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

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Why Did Jesus Say This Sin Will Not Be Forgiven?

- Because of Jesus' warning, blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is called by many the unpardonable sin, a sin which cannot be forgiven
- Why will this sin not be forgiven?
- Is God unwilling to forgive that one sin even if someone repents?
- Or, will He not forgive this sin because those who continue in it will not choose to repent of it?

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Jesus Died To Provide Punishment and Forgiveness For All Sins

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Rom 3:24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

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Rom 3:25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;

Rom 3:26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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Jesus Died To Provide Punishment and Forgiveness For All Sins

1Jn 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

1Jn 2:2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

Mat 26:28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

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God Is Willing For All To Be Saved

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

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We Must Repent of Our Sins For God To Forgive Us

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

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Act 2:38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Act 8:18 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, Act 8:19 saying, "Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

Act 8:20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!

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We Must Repent of Our Sins For God To Forgive Us

Act 8:21 "You have no part or portion in this matter, for your heart is not right before God.

Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

Act 8:23 "For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity."

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Act 8:24 But Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me yourselves, so that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."

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Mat 6:14 "For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Mat 6:15 "But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

Luk 17:3 "Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

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If We Do Not Repent of Our Sins God Will Not Forgive Us

1Jn 5:16 If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will for him give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death; I do not say that he should make request for this.

1Jn 5:17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not leading to death.

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If We Do Not Repent of Our Sins God Will Not Forgive Us

Heb 12:15 See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;

Heb 12:16 that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal.

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If We Do Not Repent of Our Sins God Will Not Forgive Us

Heb 12:17 For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

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Those Who Blaspheme Against The Holy Spirit Are Unwilling To Repent

Mat 12:38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."

Mat 12:39 But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet;

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Mat 12:40 for just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Mat 12:41 "The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment, and will condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

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Mat 12:42 "The Queen of the South will rise up with this generation at the judgment and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

Mat 12:43 "Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and does not find it. 49

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Mat 12:44 "Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came'; and when it comes, it finds it unoccupied, swept, and put in order.

Mat 12:45 "Then it goes and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. That is the way it will also be with this evil generation." 50

Can We Go Too Far Into Sin So We Remain Unwilling To Repent?

- To blaspheme against the Holy Spirit means we continue to speak against and reject all evidence He provides to turn us from our sins to God's mercy
 - This should serve as a warning to us that if we continually willingly and knowingly sin we can reach a point where it will be impossible for us to repent and come back to the Lord
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Can We Go Too Far Into Sin So We Remain Unwilling To Repent?

Heb 6:4 For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit,

Heb 6:5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

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Heb 6:6 and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.

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Can We Go Too Far Into Sin So We Remain Unwilling To Repent?

Heb 10:26 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, Heb 10:27 but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.

Heb 10:28 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 54

Can We Go Too Far Into Sin So We Remain Unwilling To Repent?

Heb 10:29 How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

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Can We Go Too Far Into Sin So We Remain Unwilling To Repent?

2Pe 2:20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

2Pe 2:21 For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them. 56

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2Pe 2:22 It has happened to them according to the true proverb, "A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT," and, "A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire."

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