

MY HELPER #15  
**BLASPHEMY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Matt. 12 Matt. 12 <sup>22</sup> Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. <sup>23</sup> All the people were astonished and said, “Could this be the Son of David?”

<sup>24</sup> But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons.”

<sup>25</sup> Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. <sup>26</sup> If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand? <sup>27</sup> And if I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. <sup>28</sup> But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

<sup>29</sup> “Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can rob his house.

<sup>30</sup> “He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters. <sup>31</sup> And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. <sup>32</sup> 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. NIV

Few passages of Scripture have been more misinterpreted and misunderstood than these two verses. Because of their extreme seriousness and finality; it is critical to understand them correctly.

## **I. What is blasphemy?**

**A.** The word blasphemy is “blasphemia” in Greek. It means to speak evil of or to speak against.

**B.** In this text **the Pharisees are accusing Jesus of working under the power of Satan.**

<sup>24</sup> But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons.”

Jesus has healed a man by casting a demon out of a man that was deaf and mute. The man is made whole. They say Jesus was being used of the devil.

## **II. Examples of blasphemy**

### **A. Blasphemy is a last day sign.**

- **The Anti-christ-** Rev. 13 <sup>5</sup> The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup> He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven.  
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- **Tribulation people that oppose God-** Rev. 16 <sup>9</sup> They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

- **Mystery Babylon** (the great religious whore) of tribulation.

Rev. 17 <sup>3</sup> Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a desert. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that

was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns.

**B. Saul of Tarsus was a blasphemer.**

1Ti. 1 <sup>13</sup> Even though **I was once a blasphemer** and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.

**C. Blasphemy is common.**

Pro. 30 <sup>8</sup> Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. <sup>9</sup> Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’

1Ti. 1 <sup>20</sup> Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.

**III. Blasphemy can be forgiven.**

**A. Every sin and blasphemy can be forgiven.**

<sup>31</sup> And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men,..

**B. Blasphemy against God’s son can be forgiven.**

<sup>32</sup> Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven...

Paul, Pharisees, Hymenaeus, Alexander, us, and etc. We can be forgiven.

**IV. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is never forgiven.**

V 31.... but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.

V 32 .... anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven,...

Two times in two verses He emphasizes the same truth. This is extremely serious, **never forgiven!**

A. The Pharisees had witnessed first hand the power of the Holy Spirit in Jesus life.

B. The world has witnessed first the hand the power of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer.

It is one thing to disbelieve, it is worse to speak against the Holy Spirit who has done the work in Christ name.

#### **V. The punishment for blaspheming the Holy Spirit.- ETERNAL DAMNATION**

V 32.. not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. NIV

#### **VI. The key issues concerning blasphemy.**

**A. Stating that the power of Christ is the power of Satan.**

**B. Denying the deity of Jesus Christ.**

The Pharisees were saying that Jesus was not God nor the messiah but the devil.

**C. Apostasy-renunciation of a religious faith.**

When the Jews were reverting back to Judaism from Christianity Paul warned them with these words...

Heb. 2: 3-4 “How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard [that is, the apostles], God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will”.

Heb. 6: 4-6 “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, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 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”.

This is a turning away, a departure from truth.

**D. Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit is a knowledgeable, willful, disdainful, disrespectful, attack against the Jesus deity and the power of his Holy Spirit by which he saves and sets men free.**

But to have had full revelation of Christ and His power and speak against it or His Holy Spirit does away with any means of salvation.