

DOCTRINE OF BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

- I. Scriptures: Mt.12:31,32, Mk.3:28,29, Lk.12:10.
- II. Synonyms.
 - A. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.
 - B. To speak against the Holy Spirit.
 - C. An eternal sin.
 - D. Sometimes termed theologically "the unforgivable sin" or "sin against the Holy Spirit".
- III. The Biblical context for the discussion, Mt.12:22-37.
 - A. Jesus Christ healed a demon possessed, blind and dumb man, v.22.
 - B. This healing stimulated the question as to who and what Christ was in healing such a person, v.23.
 - C. The Pharisees countered the suggestion of the people by charging Christ with demon possession and being in collusion with Satan, v.24.
 - D. They were guilty of blasphemy against the Son in charging Christ with an untruth, vss.31,32.
 - E. Christ used two illustrations to refute their allegations.
 1. Vss.25-28, the divided kingdom analogy. Mark also adds the divided house analogy in Mk.3:24,25.
 2. Vss.29,30, the strong man's house analogy.
- IV. Christ's statement about blasphemy.
 - A. All sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven men, v.31.
 - B. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit shall not be forgiven, v.31.
 - C. It is unforgivable in this life and the next, v.32.
 - D. Therefore, it is called an eternal sin, Mk.3:29.
- V. False views of the sin.
 - A. It is a verbal sin, as per profanity.
 - B. It is a series of decisions to not believe in Christ, resulting in God refusing to save the individual later on.
 - C. It is a unique sin, only capable of being committed by eyewitnesses of the incarnation of Jesus Christ. Systematic Theology, Chafer, Vol. VII, pgs. 47,48.
 - D. Ascribing the work of the Holy Spirit to Satan. The Holy Spirit, Hyrie, pp. 52-54.
- VI. Refutation of the false views.
 - A. There is no exception as to how someone is eternally condemned, Jn.3:36.
 - B. The false views confuse blasphemy against the Son with blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.
- VII. The true view of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.
 - A. It is unbelief at the point of gospel hearing, perpetuated to the point of physical death.
 - B. It is rejection of God the Holy Spirit's basic Phase 1 ministry of revealing the gospel, Jn.16:8-11.
 - C. It is called blasphemy because unbelief calls God a liar concerning Christ.
 - D. Furthermore, only the unbeliever can commit it.
 - E. It must be understood in the light of unlimited atonement, God consciousness, and volition.