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5. What is Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit?

The sin that will not be forgiven – blasphemy of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said it is an eternal sin, never to be forgiven (**Scriptures 1 – Never Forgiven**). But what does that mean? What would that look like? Have I ever done that?

Jesus said “anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come”. Therefore, if we blasphemy the Holy Spirit before we ask Jesus into our hearts, would we still be saved and go to heaven when we die? Or does it mean there is no possibility of being saved thereafter? Or does it have no relevance to salvation? What are the consequences of never being forgiven of that act?

In order to get some perspective, let’s look at what was going on when Jesus said this. Pharisees were accusing Jesus of being possessed by the devil when he was driving out demons from possessed people (**Scriptures 2 – Jesus Accused**). He said it because they were saying he had an impure spirit.

A definition of blasphemy is - An act of irreverence or contempt towards a god or towards something considered sacred.

So, to speak blasphemy against the Holy Spirit would be to accuse the spirit of God as being impure or evil. I’ve never seen or heard anyone do that. I’ve been angry at God before and felt forsaken (and told Him so), but I never accused the spirit of God as being evil or impure.

Anyone who knows Jesus knows that only the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit are pure and holy. Everyone else falls short. No person can be as pure and holy as God. We can try, but cannot fully succeed. We can (and should) strive towards being pure. But we need God’s help to even get close.

I am so grateful that God is holy and pure. I never have to worry if Jesus is dishonest or deceitful. I can always count on him to lead me on a straight path.

I still wonder if someone does blasphemy the Holy Spirit, what the consequences of that would be. Especially if they are speaking out of anger or hurt feelings and didn’t really mean or believe it.

One thing I do sincerely believe is that we can count on God to be fair and just. For he is our pure and holy creator who loves us.

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Scriptures 1. Never Forgiven

Mark 3:28-29 Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.”

Matthew 12:31-32 And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. 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.

Scriptures 2. Jesus Accused

Mark 3:20-30 Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.” And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.” So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: “How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. In fact, no one can enter a strong man’s house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man’s house. Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.” He said this because they were saying, “He has an impure spirit.”

Matthew 12:22-37 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. All the people were astonished and said, “Could this be the Son of David?” But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons.” 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. If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand? And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. “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 plunder his house. “Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. 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. “Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.”