**The Unforgivable Sin**

Matthew 12:15-32

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**Introduction**

1Co6:9-10 says 9Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of

God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor

homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor

revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

Also note that v11 says ‘and such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but

you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God’

I want you to see in this list of sins that they are all forgivable [..were some of you]

Forgiveness is in the nature of God Ex34:6-7 1J1:9 Co1:14

Today in Mt12:15-37 look at the one unforgivable sin. A sin that cannot be forgiven

**Last Week Mt 12:1-14**

Jesus and the Sabbath Law

Opposition to Jesus brewing

9:3 this man blasphemes – when Jesus forgave the paralytics of his sins

9:11 friend of tax collectors and sinners – dinner at Matthews house w tc&s

9:34 He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons – after casting out…

12:1-13 two incidents w/r to the Sabbath exploded in the open, the Pharisees led assault

JS allowed His D’s to pick and eat heads of grain on the Sabbath

JS healed a man in a synagogue on the Sabbath

JS response –

real human need over ceremonial aspects of the law,

man not made for the Sabbath but the Sabbath for man,

Scripture over tradition and man-made legalism,

lawful to do good on the Sabbath

12:14 Pharisees response: plot against and seek to destroy JS

**Transition Mt 12:15-21**

This passage could be part of 12:1-14 or 12:22-37, transitional

Matthew’s commentary on the ministry of JS in the face of opposition

1. tactical withdraw from accusers when they sought to destroy Him 15a

2. always available for ministry to all people 15b

3. continued to warn those healed not to make Him known 16

4. fulfilling the Messianic prophecy in Is42:1-4 - not political/military

My Servant...beloved…Spirit upon Him *well pleased* 316-17 175 Lk115 418-19

He declares justice to Gentiles…not quarrels…not heard in streets

Bruised reed not broken – JS not throw away broken worn out people

Gentle, humble, justice to victory, Gentiles trust

Note in particular ‘ My spirit upon Him’ in v18

**I. Setting of The Unforgivable Sin Mt12:22-24**

Demon-possessed man, blind and mute brought to JS, recall 9:32-33

JS healed the man. A complte healing and all the multitude amazed, almost an afterthot

Multitude asked: could this be the Son of David i.e the Messiah or the Christ

2Ch7:13-14 God give David a Son sit on his throne forever, Mt1:1 22:42

P’s say: He does not cast out demons except by Beelzebul, ruler of the demons 934 1025

Beelzebul -lord of dung/filth, they are thinking of him as Satan, ruler of demons

**II. Jesus and The Unforgivable Sin 25-37**

Jesus answer comes in three parts: 25-30, 31-32, 33-37

A. A house divided cannot stand 25-30

Principle 25-26

division within a kingdom, house, domain, nation means the kingdom,

house, domain, nation will not stand, it will fail

kingdom divided leads to desolation

city or house divided against itself will not stand

If Satan divided against self, how will his kingdom stand? [it wont]

June 16, 1858 candidate for U.S. Senate in Illinois, Lincoln dlvrd

‘House Divided Speech’ in which applied JS words to slavery

Points 27-30

If I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast out, judgeU

In fact Jewish exorcists were ineffectiveAc19:13ff

But IF I by the Spirit of God cast them out, the kingdom of God has come

JS proves He is stronger than demonic forces – He cast them out

OR how can 1enter a strong mans house and plunder unless first binds? Cld not

He would have 2bind strong man first, this is what JS did, stronger

the one who is not w Me is against me, he who does not gather scatters 30

Lessons

Strive for unity in our church and in our country, division means end

JS shows power over Satan’s domain by undoing Satan’s binding of souls

No neutrl ground with JS, UR with Him OR UR against Him – either/or

B. The unforgivable sin 31-32

Principle 31

Every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men

Blasphemy = speaking offensive things about God, great disrespect

But the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men

against the Spirit – note in v18, v28 v31, the Holy Spirit

1:18 3:11,16 4:1 10:20 The Spirit is clearly operative here w JS

Points 32

Anyone who speaks against the Son of Man will be forgiven

Saul did this in Acts 9 see 1Co15:9 and 1Ti1:13

Whoever speaks against the Spirit will not be forgiven this age or future

Conscious rejection of the truth with full awareness that is what do

Rejecting the work of the Spirit even tho there is no other explanation

1J2:19, Hb 2:3-46:4-6 10:26-31

Attributing the work of the Holy Spirit to Satan is the blasphemy

JS cast out demons by the Spirit of God, to say by ruler of demons blasphemy

Lesson

This may not be possible today – we do not see JS casting out of demons

The idea of the blasphemy possible – attributing the work of God to Satan

A Christian cld not do this 1Co130 but cld grieve E430 or quench 1Th519

A non- Christian that sees work of God/Spirit, rejects, denies and dies Hb9:27

Soak 1J1:9 in, memorize it

C. Tree is known by its fruit 33-37

Principle 33-35

Like produces like, Either make a tree and fruit good OR make a tree bad

What you say and do depends on and reveals what you are

Make a tree good produces good fruit, make a tree bad – bad fruit

Good man out of a good heart brings forth good and vice versa

Points 36-37

Your words are a sound basis for judgment

Judged for every idle /careless word, consequences for what we say/do 24!

By your words Uwill be justified, by your words Uwill be condemned

Lessons

What do your words and actions reveal about your heart? Critical,

complain, sarcastic, joke, one track minds…

What sort of fruit tree are you? Ga6:7

Now is the day to hear, now is the day of salvation now is the day to believe, now the day to be forgiven 2Co6:2