



The Gospel of Matthew

“The Unforgivable Sin”

Matthew 12:22-37

“Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven men, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven.

And whoever shall speak a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever shall speak a word against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age, or in the age to come.”

– Jesus
(Matthew 12:31-32)



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A. The Accusation of the Pharisees

➤ *“he casts out demons by Beelzebul”*

- asserted that Jesus’ power is from Satan
- an attempt to discredit Him as evil



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A. The Accusation of the Pharisees

B. The Response of Jesus



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1. He refuted their accusation

➤ *He exposed their willful unbelief*

- their accusation was illogical
- their accusation was hypocritical



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➤ *Implications*

- the kingdom of God has come upon them
- Jesus is overthrowing the kingdom of Satan



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2. He warned them of a real danger

- *the blasphemy of the Spirit*
 - attributing to Satan the undeniable work of the Spirit in the works of Jesus



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2. He warned them of a real danger

- *the blasphemy of the Spirit*
 - a thoughtful, willing, self-conscious rejection of Jesus despite full knowledge of Him in the face of the Spirit's testifying work
 - parallel – Hebrews 6:4-6



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2. He warned them of a real danger

- *implications*
 - having been enlightened, do not reject and turn away from Jesus
 - all who come in repentance and faith to Jesus will be forgiven no matter how great the sin



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3. He revealed their spiritual condition

- *out of the heart the mouth speaks*
 - our words reveal who we are and what we treasure
 - our need is not a more careful speech but a new, transformed heart