

“The Unpardonable Sin”

Matthew 12:22-32

Scripture reading: Matthew 12:22-32 “Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. <sup>23</sup> And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? <sup>24</sup> But when the Pharisees heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. <sup>25</sup> And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, **Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:** <sup>26</sup> And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? <sup>27</sup> And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast *them* out? therefore they shall be your judges. <sup>28</sup> But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. <sup>29</sup> Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. <sup>30</sup> He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. <sup>31</sup> Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy *against* the *Holy* Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. <sup>32</sup> And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the *world to come*.”

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1. Christ’s Act of Dominion (vs 22)
2. The Crowd’s Response of Amazement (vs 23)

2 Samuel 7:12-16 “And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy **seed** after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. <sup>14</sup> I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: <sup>15</sup> But my **mercy** shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. <sup>16</sup> And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.”

Psalm 89:3 “I have made a covenant with my **chosen**, I have sworn unto David my servant,”

Isaiah 9:6-7 “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”

3. The Pharisee’s Response of Accusation (vs 24)
4. Christ’s Answer of Omniscience (vs 25-30)
  - a. The Pharisee’s Accusation was Illogical (vs 25-26)

b. The Pharisee's Accusation was **Hypocritical** (vs 27)

Acts 19:13-17 "Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. <sup>14</sup> And there were seven sons of *one* Sceva, a Jew, *and* chief of the priests, which did so. <sup>15</sup> And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? <sup>16</sup> And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. <sup>17</sup> And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified."

c. The Pharisee's Accusation was **Rebellious** (vs 28-30)

Romans 5:10 "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."

5. The Pharisee's Unpardonable **Sin** (vs 31-32)

1 Timothy 1:12-14 "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; <sup>13</sup> Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. <sup>14</sup> And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus."

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

6. The **Application**

2 Corinthians 6:2 "(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.)"