

## **The Unpardonable Sin**

Matthew 12:31, “*And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the 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.*”

There is an unpardonable sin, which, if a man commits, it shall not be forgiven him either in this world, or in the world to come. There is a sin from which a man never repents, never turns, and can never be cleansed from nor forgiven. You can pass into the realm of the damned while still alive. You can pass forever beyond the mercy of God. What a terrible sin this is, from which there is no pardon, no repentance and no forgiveness.

There are powerful reasons that compel me to preach on such a subject as this:

1. There are many who think they have committed the unpardonable sin, when, indeed, they have not!
2. This subject is so misunderstood. Many believe that “blasphemy of the Holy Spirit” is ascribing the works of Jesus Christ to Satan
3. Another reason for preaching on this subject is that there are those who may be in danger of committing it!

After careful study of God's Word and, I trust, under the leading of the Holy Spirit, I hope to speak clearly and plainly on this solemn theme, answering these questions:

- ***What kind of sin is it?***
- ***Can it be committed today?***
- ***What are the results of committing it?***

### **History of unpardonable sin:**

The first mention of an unpardonable sin is in Genesis 6:5-6, where it states, “*The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.*” God says, “***My Spirit will not always strive with man!***” This was in the days of Noah when God said, “*It's enough, man has gone too far, I will destroy him.*” The flood was the result.

Then in the days when Moses was sent to deliver Israel from bondage, God had given Pharaoh every opportunity to let God's people go, but he would not listen to God, so God “*hardened Pharaoh's heart.*”

In Jeremiah's day, the time came when God said, “*Do not pray for these people, for they have committed sin from which there is no repentance.*”

Ephraim committed the unpardonable sin and God told Hosea, the prophet, not to pray from him any longer.

After Flood, Noah's sons all knew the truth, so, "*Where did the heathen come from?*" All nations knew God in the time of Noah, however Romans 1:21 tells us, "***When the knew God, did not glorified him, as God***" Four times in the book of Romans, referring to those who rejected God, it says, "*God gave them up.*"

My text in Matthew 12:31, Jesus warns those in His day to be careful that they do not commit the unpardonable sin.

During the Apostles time they warned of the unpardonable sin. For instance, Hebrews 6:4 tells of those who it is, "*impossible for them to be saved.*"

During the Tribulation period, which is yet future, Scripture tells of those who commit the unpardonable sin by worshiping the Antichrist, receive his mark, and "*will drink of the wrath of God!*"

The time does come when the Holy Spirit quits dealing with an individual and they are lost forever, even while they are still alive. God leaves alone. Their sin has no forgiveness. They have crossed deadline of God's grace.

My question to you is, "*If this sin has been committed in every age past and will be committed in the future, then why should we believe it can not be committed today?*"

### **What kind of sin is this unpardonable sin?**

Some say, "*The unpardonable sin is ascribing the works of the Holy Spirit to Satan!*" And, a quick, easy, reading of certain portions of Scripture might indicate that, however, let's look at this subject thoroughly in God's Word.

Notice, first of all, in the verse just before our text, Matthew 12:25, "*Jesus knew their **thoughts** and said to them.*" Then Jesus continues this lesson on the unpardonable sin by saying, "***Out of the heart the mouth speaks***" (verse 34). He concludes by saying in verse 35, "*A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart.*"

This verse, just before Jesus makes His declaration concerning the unpardonable sin, and the verse immediately following, tell us that the unpardonable sin is a sin of one of THOUGHTS, and not the words he speaks. The words of these men in Jesus' day said, "***This is the work of Satan,***" however, their thoughts were even worse. Their thoughts were, "*These are the works of God, but we will not accept them – we will not receive **them!***"

Jesus concluded this lesson by saying, "*A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him*" (verse 35).

These men had been deeply moved, convicted in their hearts, and then deliberately decided against God. It was not their WORDS, but their HEART ATTITUDE that Jesus was referring to.

It was a decision of their hearts against God. Outwardly they said, "***This is the work of the Devil,***" but, inwardly, their sin was much deeper than that. It was the sin of their unwillingness to

have a heart change by accepting Jesus Christ as Savior.

Isaiah 59:1 teaches, *“The arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.”*

### **THE UNPARDONABLE SIN IS THE SIN OF REJECTING JESUS CHRIST**

Other sins may lead to this sin. Any sin can bring a heart condition to the unpardonable sin. Any sin, that sets one against God, can lead to this final rejection. It is not only **one** act, but rather, any act committed once too often.

### **THE UNPARDONABLE SIN IS SIN AGAINST GREAT LIGHT AND LONG EXTENDED MERCY**

It is only after great the enlightening of the Holy Spirit, after many calls and pleadings on His part, that one can commit the unpardonable sin.

### **THE UNPARDONABLE SIN IS A SIN AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT BECAUSE IT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO CALLS YOU TO REPENTANCE.**

God said, *“My Spirit will not always strive with men.”* The unpardonable sin is a sin against the Holy Spirit because it is the Holy Spirit who calls you to Jesus. The issue is between you and the Holy Spirit - **BUT** - the issue is: whether you will accept Christ as your Savior or not. You mock, resist and insult the Holy Spirit when you refuse His invitation. The unpardonable is not harsh words about the Holy Spirit, it is saying *“No”* to God’s invitation to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior - too many times. It is a struggle against the Holy Spirit, who is speaking to you

In John 12:37, Jesus says, *“...they still **would** not believe in Him.”* He is speaking of those who would not believe. However, two verses later, in verse 39, Jesus says, *“For this reason they **could** not believe.”* They **would** not believe – and the time came when they **could** not believe.

Nature teaches us that if you do not use some function of your body, the time will come when you **CAN** not use it. This is true of your arm – your eye – your ear – and also your *heart!*

Science tells us that, *“To say ‘No’ on any decision, makes it easier to say ‘no’ whenever that decision must be made again, because, when that decision comes again the thought that is registered on the plastic cells of your brain, is the first answer you gave to that decision.”*

Time stamps the decision you make toward Jesus Christ deeper and deeper into your nature, until your whole being – your brain – and your soul - hurls it back into the face of God, the answer you have given before, until you automatically answer , without even giving it thought, *“no!”*

You say, “My God, preacher, have I committed the unpardonable sin?” My answer to you is, “If you feel least concern for soul, it’s a sure sign not driven away the Holy Spirit. Don't do it tonight!” But, if you can sit tonight, untouched, unmoved and unconcerned, while not

necessarily mean have committed the unpardonable sin, it does mean that you could be nearing the awful edge of God's dealing grace with you.

My prayer is that God drew you back before it is too late. God enable me to preach in a manner that you will respond to.

You can cross that deadline in one second by saying "no" in the same way as you have said "no" before, but this time could be the last time.

God arouse you and help you to act before too late, before you cross that line, before you are lost and gone forever

**THE UNPARDOANBLE SIN IS TO CONTINUALLY, WILLFULLY,  
STUBBORNLY SAY "NO" TO GOD TOO MANY TIMES!**

**WHAT IS THE RESULTS?**

The heart becomes hardened, set against God, and will never repent. It becomes, as Ephesians 4:19 says, "*past feeling*" The Spirit ceases to call. Don't trivial with the patience of God.

One time Napoleon won victory. It had been a close battle and the French Army lost a lot of men. One of his men said to him "*Cheer up, you won!*" Napoleon replied, "*Another such victory will cost me my kingdom.*" You may think that you have won a victory by saying "no" to the Holy Spirit's invitation tonight, but it could cost you your soul for all of eternity!