

# The Unpardonable Sin – (A House Divided)

Sermon 39 in the Matthew Series

## Matthew 12:22-37

The Lord Jesus Christ came into this world to destroy the works of the Devil.

**1 John 3:7-8** -- <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. <sup>8</sup> He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**

### I. Could this be the Son of David? 12:22-24

The Old Testament directly speaks very little of demons – but we can see their activity – as almost all the world was given over to these demonic forces. Israel was to cleanse the land – they didn't -- and even Israel followed into their demon worship.

Idolatry and Demonic forces are linked.

Sometimes the Bible mocks idols as “Nothing”

However, at other times we find demons behind the idols!

Leviticus 17:7 -- They (*Israel*) shall no more offer their sacrifices to **demons**, after whom they have played the harlot.

Deuteronomy 32:17 -- They (*Israel*) sacrificed to **demons**, not to God, *To gods* they did not know, *To new gods*, new arrivals That your fathers did not fear.

2 Chronicles 11:15 -- Then he (*Jeroboam the son of Nebat*) appointed for himself priests for the high places, for the **demons**, and the calf idols which he had made.

Psalms 106:37 -- They (*Israel*) even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to **demons**,

### II. The Kingdom Defended 12:25-30

#### A. Christ's Argumentation 25-28

1. “A house divided against itself can not stand”.
2. How could Christ be destroying Satan by the power of Satan?

3. By whom do your children cast out demons?
4. The Kingdom of God has come! v. 28

#### B. Christ's Illustration 29-30

1. The strong man = Satan.
2. The stronger man = Christ
3. Which Kingdom are you in?

### III. The Unpardonable Sin -- Matthew 12:31-32

- A. Is it possible to commit today?
- B. There are some prerequisites for committing this sin.
- C. Who was in danger of committing it?
- D. Defining the Sin

### Final Thoughts

1. If you are concerned that you might have committed the unpardonable sin, you haven't.
2. To commit the sin, it appears a person has to have knowledge of the truth, willfully deny the truth, and attempt to teach others against the truth.
3. Christ did not say the Pharisees had committed the sin. He warned they were in danger of it.