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## **Unpardonable Sin, Part 2**

So many people are so confused about this issue of the unpardonable sin. We will continue to clarify this today. If a person feels they have committed the unpardonable sin, it destroys their spiritual life. They just give up and drift off to where they were before. We will go over what it is, who can commit it, and all the details about it to really understand what it is about. This is in the entire chapter of Matthew 12.

**Review Matthew 12:12-21, then Matthew 12:22-32:** Jesus is in the streets with the people, healing those who come to Him. The Pharisees, or religious leaders of the day, accused Jesus Christ of breaking the Sabbath. They weren't interested in the miracles; they just wanted to destroy Him.

## Matthew 12:12-21

- 12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath days. *Under the law, you can save an animal, what's wrong with saving a man?*
- 13 Then said he to the man, Stretch forth your hand. And he stretched *it* forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other. *Jesus Christ first gave scripture references why it's ok to heal on the Sabbath, and then He did it.*
- 14 ¶ Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him. Here's a man standing in their midst, performing miracles like never before, proving He is the son of God by performing miracles, and they want to destroy Him. Jesus Christ's credentials were His miracles. Pharisees were religious hypocrites. They were only interested in His threat to Him. They love their power and authority over the masses and they want to keep it.
- 15 But when Jesus knew *it*, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all; *Jesus Christ didn't just give one demonstration of healing; no He healed them all. At this point the multitudes love Him.*
- 16 And charged them that they should not make him known: *Jesus Christ didn't want everybody going out and bragging about Him. It wasn't His time yet.*
- 17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, *Esaias prophesized that the Jews would reject Jesus Christ. The Jews liked being healed and fed from nothing, but they didn't want Him to be King of Kings.*
- 18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles. *Right here in the middle of the ministry to the Jews, He says they will reject Him and He will turn around and go to the Gentiles.*
- 19 He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. God says I'm going to give you the truth plain and simple. I'm not going to beat it into you or yell at you. I will tell you nicely, quietly, and it's up to you to take it and believe it.
- 20 A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. He's not going to force anyone to follow Him. No violence involved here. Jesus Christ didn't come to judge at that time; He came to save humanity. Judgement time is after tribulation.
- 21 And in his name shall the Gentiles trust. Esaias says again, the Jews will reject their messiah. Jesus Christ says He came to His people the Jews, and they rejected Him, and He will go to the Gentiles. The disciples were to go out in the land, tell the people the good news, shake the dust off their feet and move on. They were not to beat it into them, no fire and brimstone. Just deliver the message and move on.



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## Matthew 12:22-32

- 22 ¶ Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spoke and saw. *There is only one devil, and many demons. Demons can cause physical infirmities, like blindness and dumbness, among many other things through demonic possession. Jesus Christ cast out the demon and the man could talk and see.*
- 23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? All the people said, "Doesn't Jesus Christ come from the lineage of David?" Back in those days, everybody knew everybody, and they knew all their ancestors.
- 24 But when the Pharisees heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. *This is a key verse in understanding the unpardonable sin. The Pharisees accused Jesus Christ of casting out demons not by God but by Beelzebub, who was a pagan God of the dumb, of flight, of the house of demons. Whatever the true origins are, it meant evil and bad. The Pharisees said Jesus Christ was healing through the power of Satan and not God.*
- 25 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: *Jesus Christ gives an example of the divided house.*
- 26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? Satan has a kingdom. He controls most of the leaders of the world. The book of David pulls back a curtain and shows us the war going on in the spirit world, in the air, right now all around us. The demons whisper in the ears of the world leaders and encourage war, greed, pride, gluttony, etc. We need to keep our eyes on God by studying the bible everyday and praying every day to have a chance against Satan.
- 27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast *them* out? Therefore they shall be your judges. *Jesus Christ turns it around and asks how their children do it. We are to take example of how Jesus Christ deals with people.*
- 28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. *If Jesus Christ is casting out demons by the power of Satan, then He's tearing up Satan's playground. The only way to cast out demons is by the Spirit of God, so the kingdom of God is come.*
- 29 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. *Jesus Christ is showing His authority and control by casting out demons.*
- 30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathered not with me scattered abroad. *Jesus Christ makes it very plain: you are either for Christ or against Him. There is no middle ground.*
- 31 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. Here is the other key verse: you can talk about anything but the Holy Spirit.
- 32 And whosoever speaks a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaks against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. You can talk bad about men or Him, but you cannot say that God's work is the work of Satan. That is unforgivable. A Christian cannot commit the unpardonable sin. He is talking to the Jews, to the religious leaders of the world; they are unforgiven for saying God's work is of Satan. The Pharisees committed the unpardonable sin. We cannot. This is the national sin of the Jewish people of that generation.