

Blasphemy-The Unforgivable Sin

1. What do we mean by blasphemy? Greek-blasphemia (blas-fay-me-ah): evil speaking, railing, rumors, false accusations, or the spreading of false tales or lies against another. There is one blasphemy, for which there is no forgiveness. We read in Mark 3:28-29: "Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation: Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit." As we hath discovered, and will prove from God's Word, many people are guilty of blasphemy. Even though the blasphemy for which they are guilty, is a blasphemy for which they can receive forgiveness, it is a matter which deeply angers God. The blasphemy which they are guilty of, is blasphemy against his servants. And if you want to find a way to get God upset at you extremely fast, then this is the way to do it; just begin to blaspheme his servants. We will also show from God's Word, that his servants are as "gods" in his eyes. This does not mean that they are people which we should worship, but it does mean that we must highly respect them. For they are the most highly delegated officials on the earth, in the eyes of God. And when we slander and backbite them, and allow all sorts of evil gossip about them to proceed out of our mouths, we are guilty of blasphemy; and it is not the way to stay in right relationship with God. And God will not just allow it to continue on and on; but He will put a stop to it, one way or another. And sometimes, He may have to stop it, in ways which are not too pleasing at all. So let us always be extremely careful, about what we say concerning the servants of God. Every person needs to learn a very important rule; which will change their life greatly. And that rule being, that if you cannot say something good about a person, it is best to say nothing about them at all; especially the servants of God.

2. Jesus was accused time and time again, of being guilty of blasphemy; simply because He said that He was the Christ, the Son of God. Mark 14:60-64 tells us: "And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? What is it which these witness against thee? But He held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, and said unto Him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of Heaven. Then the

high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses? Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned Him to be guilty of death.”

3. We are going to do some deeper study in the Book of John, which is going to take some serious devotion, to fully comprehend the message, which God is attempting to get across unto us. It needs to be read and studied with prayer, for the revelation power of God’s Holy Spirit, to fully open up our minds, to be able to see what He is attempting to reveal unto us. When I first got the revelation, of what God was showing me from this scripture, it nearly blew my mind. It really scared me. But God showed me, that I did not have to be scared. But I did have to accept the truths, which He had revealed unto me. In this next scripture reference in John, the Jews failed to recognize Jesus, as the Son of God; and they accused Jesus, of falsely claiming to be equal with God.

There was no doubt about it, that Jesus was the Son of God; and without a doubt, He was equal with God; for He truly was God in the flesh. We read in John 10:31-42: “Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered Him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If He called them gods unto whom the Word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; Say ye of Him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in Him. Therefore they sought again to take Him: but He escaped out of their hand, And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized; and there He abode. And many resorted unto Him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true. And many believed on Him there.”

A. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. The Jews, his own people, were continuously attempting to trap Jesus, any way they could. And time and time again, they began to pick up stones, with the intention of stoning Him to death. But Jesus always managed to escape, one way or another, out of their presence. Just as Jesus had planned previously, He

came to the earth for a particular purpose. That purpose being, to give his life, as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. But it would be done, according to the Heavenly Father's divine plan. He came to give his life of his own free will, and no one would take his life, until He was ready; until the perfect time had come. It was prophesied in Isa. 53:7-12: "He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not his mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? For He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was He stricken. And He made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, He shall see his seed, He shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out his soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." And John 10:15-18 tells us: "As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father." We also read in Hebrews 2:9: "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man."

B. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? All that Jesus had shown the people, was good works. He had healed many sick folks, raised many from the dead, miraculously fed the people time and time again, cast demons out of many of the people, and performed miracles of every kind, every where He went. He had proved time and time again, that He was sent by the Heavenly Father. But still, the people would not believe in Him. Every thing that He

could of possibly done, to prove that He was the Son of God, had been done. But they still accused Him of being a deceiver; of being only a man, who claimed to be God. They claimed that they were not stoning Him for his good works, but for being a blasphemer. Every time He made mention of his Heavenly Father, the Jews sought to kill Him. They simply refused to believe, that He was truly the Son of God; that He was the One who was sent from God; the Messiah. Another time in which they falsely accused Him, was in John 5:10-18: “The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the Sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed Himself away, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole. And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay Him, because He had done there things on the Sabbath day. But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill Him, because He not only had broken the Sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making Himself equal with God.”

C. Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

a. Your law. This is referring to the Old Testament.

b. I said, Ye are gods. In the old law, or the Old Testament, God’s representatives are referred to as “gods”. We read in Psalms 82:6: “I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.” What does God’s Word mean by “gods”? It comes from the Greek word theos (theh-os), which means a magistrate, or a Godly representative. Who is God referring to here, whom He is calling “gods?” He is referring to every one of those, whom He has trusted with his Holy Word. This includes the evangelists, the pastors, the teachers, the missionaries, the prophets; every single one of his children, who are trusted with spreading his Word throughout the earth; all those responsible for spreading the gospel of salvation. This is a most serious matter with God; and it is high time that it become a serious matter with every human being also. The time of just ignoring the servants of God, and ignoring the wonderful plan of salvation, which they are attempting to spread throughout the earth, must be stopped.

It is time for people to get serious about their relationship with God

Almighty. And one of the first steps in getting serious with God, is to begin to take his servants seriously. To blaspheme a servant of God, is a matter which God does not take lightly at all. There is entirely too much, of just looking at the servants of God, as if they are nobody! They are being drug through the mud, talked about like dogs, and treated like they are good for nothing; rather than being respected as servants of the God Who created the heavens and the earth. Many people never allow a day to pass, unless they can make a remark of some kind, towards one of God's servants. Either they have to make a remark about how preacher so and so, is just in it for the money, or how he's such a hypocrite, or how he doesn't preach the truth, or something of the sort. Or they don't like Brother Whoever, because he preaches too hard; or he just tries to get you to send him money; or something of the sort. Or they're talking about the Sunday School teacher, because they don't practice what they teach. How so many people never realize, how guilty they are, of committing blasphemy before God, every time they allow such talk to proceed out of their mouth. It is time to start treating God's servants with respect, and talking about them with respect. For they are not only servants, but they are "gods," in the eyes of God. And it is high time that we every one start looking at them as "gods" also; rather than just as nothing. I say this from the bottom of my heart, with all sincerity, as a warning from God; Who has revealed this serious matter unto me; If you can not say something good about the servants of God, then you had better not say anything about them at all. For you are talking about the closest ones to God's heart. And if you have never been guilty of blaspheming God's servants, then that is fine. Just make sure that you remain innocent of this horrible sin. And if you are married to a person, who is constantly making slanderous remarks about the servants of God, then make every possible effort to convince them, of the wrong which they are doing in the eyes of God. Whether you may realize it or not, every married couple, are as one being in the eyes of God. He tells us in his Word, that when we become united in holy matrimony, we become as one flesh. We read in Genesis 2:24: "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." He no longer sees us as two separate people, but as one person. And even though God does not hold us directly responsible, for the sins of our marriage partner, when they are guilty of sin of any kind, it blocks the doorway to God's blessings upon our marriage. And many times, it blocks the doorway to God's individual, personal blessings upon us also; even though we may not be the one who is

directly responsible for the committed sin. We must constantly make every effort, to attempt to convince our marriage partner, to walk righteously before God; especially when it comes to the things which they allow to come out of their mouth. And the best way we can persuade them to walk uprightly before God, is to make sure that we do so ourselves. We should always be an example, or a witness, which God can be proud of; before those whom are dearest unto us; as well as before the many others of the world.

D. If He called them gods, unto whom the Word of God came. No doubt about it; anyone unto which God sends his Word, for the purpose of spreading and sharing that Word, He considers as his “gods;” who every one, are precious and holy in his sight. And whether or not people like it, He expects them to be treated with respect.

And whoever fails to treat them with respect, both in action and in speech, will end up paying the horrible consequences for such, sooner or later. If we cannot say something good about God’s representatives, it is best if we say nothing about them at all. They are every one ordained of God. Romans 13:1 tells us: “Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Greek-tasso (tas-so): to assign or to appoint to a particular position.

E. And the scripture cannot be broken. In other words, God will not contradict, or go against, his own holy Word. The Word of God; both the written Word, as well as any spoken Word which has ever come forth from God’s lips; He will not contradict. His Word is his binding authority for eternity. If He makes an oath, or a promise, in his Word, to pass judgment for a particular thing, then you can expect judgment to come. Whatever God’s Word declares will happen, will most certainly happen; every single time. He has never broken his Word, and He never will do such.

F. Say ye of Him, whom the Father hath sanctified. Greek-hagiazo (hag-ee-ad-zo): to make holy, to purify or to consecrate; to become hallowed, blameless, or sacred.

G. And sent into the world. God sent his Son into the world, that through Him, the world might be saved. John 3:17 tells us: “For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.” And we read in 1 John 4:14: “And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.”

H. Thou blasphemest, because I said, I am the Son of God? John 5:17-18 tells us: “But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I

work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill Him, because He not only had broken the Sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making Himself equal with God.” And John 5:30 also tells us: “I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.” And in Luke 1:35 we read: “And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” And in John 9:35-38, we read of where Jesus told the blind man, whom He had healed, that He was the Son of God: “Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on Him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen Him, and it is He that talketh unto thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped Him.”

I. If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. Jesus told the people as plainly as He could, “If I do not show the evidence, that I am the Son of God, then do not believe Me.” In other words, “If I do not bear the fruit, then you do not have to believe me.” But Jesus certainly did bear the fruit, or produce the evidence, every where He went, that He was the Son of God. But they just did not want to accept the fact, that He was the Son of God. Mainly because He condemned them for their sin, and would not approve of their sinful ways.

J. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works. Even though they did not believe that Jesus was the Son of God, all of the mighty miracles which He performed, should of been enough proof for them, that He was sent by God. They just simply did not want to admit, that He was the Son of God. Many of them probably knew without a doubt, down deep in their hearts, that He truly was who He claimed to be; but they just did not want to admit it. They were speaking blasphemy against Him every where He went. But it was not because the evidence was not there, continuously, that Jesus was certainly who He claimed to be. God’s Word tells us that we will know the children of God, just as the Jews should have known that Jesus was the Son of God, by the fruit which we witness in their life. We read in Matt. 12:33: “Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.” And in Luke 6:44 we read: “For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush

gather they grapes.” Most certainly, Jesus gave plenty of evidence of who He was. But it really didn’t matter. For all the people wanted to do, was to find fault with Him. If they hadn’t accused Him of blasphemy, they would of found something else to accuse Him of. They wanted Him to be put to death, no matter what.

K. That ye may know and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in Him. Many times, Jesus claimed to be the same as the Heavenly Father. Even though we are not meant to fully understand, Jesus and the Father are one. Jesus told us in John 10:30: “I and my Father are one.” We also read in John 17:11 & 22: “And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee, Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one.”

L. Therefore they sought again to take Him: but He escaped out of their hand. They continuously attempted to take Jesus into custody, but He always managed to escape from their presence. God had a divine plan; and that plan was to be carried out; and it certainly was carried out, to the very letter. Nothing that the Jews, or anyone else could do, would change God’s divine plan. This escape of Jesus, may very well of been a supernatural occurrence; which He was very well capable of, being He was God.

M. And went away again. Greek-aperchomai (ap-erkh-orn-ahee): to go off, or depart; to be separated, escape, disappear, or to leave the presence of.

N. Beyond Jordan, into the place where John at first baptized. This was believed to be in Bethabara. We read in John 1:24-28: “And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?”

John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe’s latchet I am not worthy to unloose. These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.”

O. And there He abode. Greek-meno (men-o): to stay or to remain in a certain place; to dwell, abide, continue, or to tarry at a given place (beyond the Jordan River in this case).

P. And many resorted unto Him. Greek-erchomai (er-khom-ahee): to come to, or to accompany; to remain in the company of, usually for a particular purpose. In this case, the people usually loved to accompany Jesus, because

of the miracles which they witnessed Him perform; especially when they were miracles which benefited them personally, such as the times when He fed the multitudes of people.

Q. They said, John did no miracles. The people never witnessed John the Baptist performing miracles; because John simply preached the gospel, and baptized in the Jordan River. He was thought to be the Christ, but he made it very clear to the people, that he was not. We read in John 1:19-23: "And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What them? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? That we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of the one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias."

R. But all things that John spake of this man were true. John truly gave a true testimony of Jesus. We read in John 3:30-36: "He must increase, but I must decrease. He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: He that cometh from Heaven is above all. And what He hath seen and heard, that He testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony. He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. For He whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto Him. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." Greek-orge (or-gay): violent passion, anger, punishment, indignation, or vengeance.

S. And many believed on Him there. Jesus had many followers every where He went. John 8:30 tells us: "As He spake these words, many believed on Him." He truly gave enough evidence, that He was the Son of God; the Messiah. And even though many chose to believe upon Jesus, there were still many others, every where He went, who also simply refused to believe upon Him; but chose to blaspheme his name instead.

4. There are many people who have thought that they may of possibly committed the sin of blaspheming against the Holy Ghost; which God's Word tells us that there is no forgiveness for committing such a sin.

But let me assure you, if you are concerned at all about the way in which you live your life; and have any desire at all to be a follower of God, then you can

put this concern completely out of your mind. For one who commits this horrible sin, will have no concern at all, for the evil which they have done. If one has committed this horrible sin, they will lose all concern entirely, of the way in which they live their life. They will never have any concern at all, about the true existence of God Almighty; nor about what He desires, as far as how they live their life. A person who has committed this horrible sin, will not ever even care, that they have done so. It will be as though they consider God to be their enemy, and have no concern about the matter at all. So maybe this will help you, if you have ever had the thought that you were guilty of this horrible sin.

Conclusion:

Many people, even though they do not realize it, are guilty of blasphemy before God. Even though it is a form of blasphemy for which they can be forgiven, it is still a very dangerous situation to be in, in the eyes of God. When we continuously speak against the servants of God, we are committing blasphemy against God. If we cannot find something good to say, especially about the servants of God, it is best that we say nothing at all. The ministers and servants of God, are considered as “gods” in his eyes; and He is not pleased at all, when people continuously speak evil against them. Let us never be guilty, of speaking against the servants of God. Let us look for the good in them, rather than trying to find every fault with them that we possibly can. And should we find fault, let us bring the matter before God, rather than before the rest of the whole world. It is time that we start to respect the servants of God; not continue to tear them down with every word we speak. We every one in the body of Christ, are servants in one way or another. So let us begin to walk in love one for another; and try to build up one another, rather than try to destroy one another. And then we can all have God on our side once again. And as we are told in Romans 8:31: “If God be for us, who can be against us?”

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