

## The Unforgivable Sin

### **Matthew 12:22-37**

Intro:

**A. Is there a sin that God will not forgive?**

1. Yes there is!
2. vs.31, Mark 3:28-29, Luke 12:10

**B. What is the unforgivable sin?**

1. Is it murder? No
2. is it lying? No
3. Is it unbelief? No
4. The scriptures will answer this question.

**I. The Issue Of Healing The Demon Possessed.**

**A. The man Jesus healed. V.22**

1. He was possessed with a devil, the source of all problems.
2. He was blind and dumb.
3. Jesus caused him to speak and to see.

**B. The response of the people. V.23**

1. amazed = ἐξίστημι = "to change from one condition to another, denoting the state of mind caused by inexplicable occurrences."
2. "Is not this the son of David?"
3. They were inclined to believe that Jesus was the Messiah, David's successor.

**C. The Pharisees blasphemed. V.24**

1. This fellow "casts out devils by the power of the Devil."
2. They conceded that Jesus did indeed work miracles, but He did it by the power of Beelzebul, who was leader of all demons.

**II. The Answer Of Jesus.**

**A. The principle of a divided house. V.25-26**

1. A divided kingdom destroys itself.
2. A divided city destroys itself.
3. A divided family destroys itself.
4. If Satan casts out Satan, his kingdom will soon destroy itself?



- B. **How had devils been cast out by their sons? V.27**
1. Such attempts had been made.
  2. If they had succeeded, by what power?
  3. Let them tell you by what power.
- C. **Suppose I actually do this by the power of God? v.28**
1. If so, the kingdom has come!
  2. Satan then has been bound and I am spoiling his kingdom. **V.29**
  3. All who oppose me are found in the role of being a spoiler. **V.30**

III. The Sin That Is Not Forgivable.

- A. **"Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men:" v.31**
1. sin = αμαρτια = "the evil principle"
  2. blasphemy = βλασφημια = "abuse" "to use harsh words against authority."
  3. forgiven = αφημι = "to send away," "to dismiss," "set free", "to remit the punishment."
  4. Anyone who by words abuses the Holy Spirit, such shall not be forgiven them. **V.31b**
- B. **Words that may be forgiven. V.32**
1. Words against Jesus. His lowliness, the place of His birth, His lack of training.
  2. Paul certainly blasphemed Jesus!
- C. **Words that cannot be forgiven.**
1. "Neither in this world."
  2. "Neither in the world to come."
- D. **The tree is known by its fruit. V.33**
1. The Pharisees had one of two choices.
  2. Declare the tree good and its fruit good.
  3. Declare the tree corrupt and its fruit corrupt.
  4. Jesus is either good or bad. What is the fruit that He bears?

III. The Condition Of The Pharisees.

- A. **They are inherently evil. V.34a**

1. They are vipers.
2. They are "being evil".

**B. Their hearts are evil. V.34b**

1. They have spoken their hearts.
2. They have condemned Jesus.

IV. The Heart Test.

**A. The two kinds of hearts. V.35**

1. The good heart brings forth good things.
2. The evil heart brings forth evil things.
3. treasure = θησαυρος = "anything laid up in store", "wealth", "what one has".

**B. Why did the Pharisees speak evil of Jesus? What had caused them to blaspheme the Holy Spirit?**

1. Their hearts were evil.
2. They produced evil fruit, their words.

V. The Fruit Of An Evil Heart.

**A. "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." V.36**

1. idle = αργος = "not working the ground"  
"something produced on land without labor"  
"what the natural heart produces."
2. word = ρημα = "a sentence," "a saying", "a discourse"
3. account= λογος = "you will have to answer with words."

**B. "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." V.37**

1. words = λογος = "a part of what is said"
2. justified= δικαιωω = "to set forth as righteous."
3. condemned= καταδικαζω = "to pronounce judgment against"