

## The Unpardonable Sin (Matt. 12: 22- 43, 46-50)

- I. The Miracle (Matt. 12:22-24)
  - A. Blindness and speechless healed
  - B. Demon exorcized
- II. Kingdom against Kingdom (12:25- 30)
  - A. Attack against one's own forces was absurd-thinking
  - B. Binding the strong man (Matt. 12:25-26; Rev. 20:2)
  - C. Those who work against Christ (Matt. 12:30)
- III. The Unpardonable Critic (Matt. 12:31-37)
  - A. Blasphemy (defiant irreverence)
    - a. Forgiven (those who repent) (Mk. 3:28); Lk. 12:10; 17:3,4; 1Jn. 1:9) (Peter; Paul, David)
    - b. Unforgiven against the Spirit (consider context) The Pharisees are ascribing to Satan what the Holy Spirit, through Christ, is achieving. The blasphemy against the Spirit is the result of gradual progress in sin. Grieving the Spirit (Eph. 4:30), if un-repentant of, leads to resisting the Spirit (Acts 7:51, 1Thess. 5:19).
    - c. For anyone who is truly penitent, no matter how shameful his transgressions may have been, there is no reason for despair. (Ps. 103:12; Isa. 1:18; 44:22) "Today O that you would listen to His voice. Harden not your hearts!" (Ps. 95:7b, 8a)
  - B. The Two Trees (Matt. 12:33-37)
    - a. Produce Evil
    - b. Produce Good fruit
- IV. Show us a Sign (Matt. 12:38-50) [The context of repentance]
  - A. Sign of Jonah (Matt. 12:40-41)
  - B. Queen of the South (Sheba) (Matt. 12:42)
  - C. Your Spiritual Family (Matt. 12:46-50)