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## What Does God's Word Say About... Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit

We will be looking at scripture to define what blasphemy of the Holy Spirit is, and if we can still commit this sin today. When the Pharisees heard that Jesus was casting out demons they said that Jesus was casting "out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of demons." Jesus told them "if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you...Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him either in this age [Jesus lived in the Old Covenant] or in the age to come [the New Covenant]," (Matt. 12:23, 32). The Pharisees were eye witnesses to the miracles that Jesus performed by the power of the Holy Spirit. God was testifying "both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will," (Heb. 2:4). To deny this, the Pharisees were committing the unpardonable sin of blasphemy of the Holy Spirit.

When Jesus and the apostles were performing various miracles, if the people in that day denied they were done by the power of the Holy Spirit, they could not be forgiven of this sin. With the death of the last living apostle, John, there are no longer miraculous gifts needed to confirm the word (Heb. 2:3) since we now have the complete written word of God (1 Cor. 13:10).

The question remains, then, can we commit the sin of blasphemy of the Holy Spirit today. Jesus said this sin would not be forgiven "in the age to come," which is the present time in which we live. Peter wrote, "no prophesy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophesy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God," (2 Peter 1:20-21). So, when people reject the written word of God, given to us by the Holy Spirit, they are mocking His power [that is, blaspheming] and are rejecting the Spirit who gave us the words by which man can be saved.

Also, one can commit the sin of blasphemy when they "have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit...and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance," (Heb. 6:4-6). Such Christians have left the faith, denying the power of Christ and the Holy Spirit who have given us the only path to salvation. If one goes on "sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no long remains a sacrifice for sins...How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he WAS sanctified, and has insulted [blasphemed] the Spirit of grace?" (Heb. 10.26:29)

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