

## The Unpardonable Sin Against the Holy Spirit

### Navigating the Hard Sayings

1. Be Open to Your Traditions, Preconceptions, and Prejudices Being Challenged.
2. Ask the Holy Spirit for Understanding.
3. Relentlessly Search and Dig for Kingdom Truth and the Knowledge of God.
4. Learn About Differences Linguistically and Culturally That Affect Your Understanding.
5. Humble Yourself and Allow Jesus' Words Supremacy in Your Life.

### Three Texts to Understand Context

#### Mark 3:20-30

And He \*came home, and the crowd \*gathered again, to such an extent that they could not even eat a meal. <sup>21</sup> And when His own people heard *about this*, they came out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, "He has lost His senses." <sup>22</sup> The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons." <sup>23</sup> And so He called them to Himself and *began* speaking to them in parables: "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but he is finished! <sup>27</sup> But no one can enter the strong man's house and plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man, and then he will plunder his house.

<sup>28</sup> "Truly I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons *and daughters* of men, and whatever blasphemies they commit; <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — <sup>30</sup> because they were saying, "He has an unclean (demonic) spirit."

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#### Luke 12:8-10

<sup>8</sup> "Now I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before people, the Son of Man will also confess him before the angels of God; <sup>9</sup> but the one who denies Me before people will be denied before the angels of God. <sup>10</sup> And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him.

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## Matthew 12:22-39

Then a demon-possessed man *who was* blind and unable to speak was brought to Jesus, and He healed him so that the man who was unable to speak talked and could see. <sup>23</sup> And all the crowds were amazed and were saying, "This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?" <sup>24</sup> But when the Pharisees heard *this*, they said, "This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons."

<sup>25</sup> And knowing their thoughts, *Jesus* said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and no city or house divided against itself will stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan is casting out Satan, he has become divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? <sup>27</sup> And if by Beelzebul I cast out the demons, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? Therefore, they will be your judges. <sup>28</sup> But if I cast out the demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>29</sup> Or, how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless he first ties up the strong *man*? And then he will plunder his house.

<sup>30</sup> The one who is not with Me is against Me; and the one who does not gather with Me scatters.

<sup>31</sup> **"Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. <sup>32</sup> And 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 or in the *age* to come.**

<sup>33</sup> "Either assume the tree *to be* good as well as its fruit good, or assume the tree *to be* bad as well as its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit. <sup>34</sup> You offspring of vipers, how can you, being evil, express *any* good things? For the mouth speaks from that which fills the heart. <sup>35</sup> The good person brings out of *his* good treasure good things; and the evil person brings out of *his* evil treasure evil things. <sup>36</sup> But I tell you that *for* every careless word that people speak, they will give an account of it on *the* day of judgment. <sup>37</sup> For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

<sup>38</sup> Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." <sup>39</sup> But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation craves a sign..."

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## Helpful Passages in Hebrews

### Hebrews 6:4-6

For **it is impossible**, in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, <sup>6</sup> and *then* have fallen away, **to restore them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.**

### Hebrews 10:26-31

<sup>26</sup> For **if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,** <sup>27</sup> but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries. <sup>28</sup> Anyone who has ignored the Law of Moses is put to death without mercy on *the testimony of two or three witnesses.* <sup>29</sup> How much more severe 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 the Spirit of grace?** <sup>30</sup> For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge His people." <sup>31</sup> It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

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