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BIBLE TALK

Question: What is the unpardonable sin?

Answer: After Jesus had performed miracles of healing, the Pharisees blasphemed, saying that Jesus did it "by Beelzebub the prince of devils (Matt. 12:22-32). This passage states that if one speaks against the Holy Ghost, he shall not be forgiven.

This passage is often cited as an example of the "unpardonable sin." When the context is studied, we find that Jesus performed miracles by the Holy Spirit that confirmed His claims of being the Son of God. The Pharisees gave credit for His power to the devil. Jesus said that those who saw the Spirit confirm, through miracles, the word of God, then ascribed this to the devil, had so sinned as not to be forgiven. It was the same as blasphemy! It makes one wonder if attributing God's creation to mere chance could be similar in nature to this sin.

That word has long since been confirmed (Heb. 2:2-3), and we will not face the decision as to the source of miracles; therefore we are not being troubled with this sin today. However, we can commit an unpardonable sin when we adamantly refuse to repent of it! It can become a sin unto death because we are unwilling to repent of that specified sin! We can persist in sin until we reach a "point of no return," where we find it impossible to find a place of repentance. We are warned to not become like Esau, who sold his birthright for a morsel of meat. He waived his right to the blessing of his father and was rejected, "for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears" (Heb. 12:15-17). We may find that we are unable to repent, and if so, no pardon can be had for godly sorrow is required to be moved to repentance (2 Cor. 7:10).

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