

## Matthew 12:31a The Pardonable Sin

Introduction: When I began to study for this message I thought I would preach on the “unpardonable sin.” But I never got that far. The thing which is astounding to me is not what is unpardonable, but that which is pardonable.

### I. All manner of blasphemy and sin is pardonable.

- A. Jesus asserts that one can be guilty of all manner of sin and yet be forgiven. (Sin is the transgression of the Law.)
  - 1. Deceit and lies.
  - 2. Cheating, embezzlement, burglary, armed robbery.
  - 3. Gambling, fighting, rabble rousing.
  - 4. Unkindness and downright cruelty.
  - 5. Hatred and murder.
  - 6. Filthy language, even cursing, using God's name.
  - 7. Fornication, adultery, homosexuality, prostitution, incest, bestiality.
  - 8. Drunkenness, dope, selling dope
  - 9. He can be an unbeliever, a heretic, or even an atheist.
- B. “Blasphemy” means to speak bitterly, viciously against.
  - 1. The word can mean to curse, but no necessarily.
  - 2. It means to wage war with words. (To cut one down with words, to cut him to ribbons, to pierce him through as though with a sword.)
  - 3. One can blaspheme anything or anybody, but in Scripture the word primarily means to speak against God or against sacred things or sacred places.
- C. In our text Jesus asserts that one can blaspheme and yet be forgiven.
  - 1. He can blaspheme against God the Father Himself and yet be forgiven.
  - 2. He can blaspheme against Jesus and be forgive, verse 32.
  - 3. He can blaspheme against the Holy Temple and be forgiven.
  - 4. He can blaspheme against a New Testament church and be forgiven.
  - 5. He can blaspheme against Bible truth and yet be forgiven.
  - 6. He can blaspheme against God's people and yet be forgiven. (Preachers, deacons, church members.)

### II. What it is to be forgiven.

- A. It means to be set free from the penalty of sin.
  - 1. Thus, no reason to go to hell. (No going to hell.)
  - 2. Thus there is no reason he cannot go to heaven. (He will go there.)
- B. It is as though he had never committed any sin.
- C. This is really amazing grace.

### III. What is necessary for man's sins to be forgiven.

- A. It was necessary for Jesus to go to the cross.
  - 1. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission.
  - 2. The blood of bulls and goats could not take away sin.
  - 3. It was necessary for the blood of Jesus to be shed, John 1:29, 1 John 1:7.
- B. It is necessary for the sinner to repent of his sin, Luke 13:3, 5.
  - 1. Repentance means to be sorry one is guilty.
  - 2. Repentance means also to be desirous of forgiveness from God.
  - 3. Repentance means to turn to God seeking forgiveness.

- C. It is necessary for the sinner to trust Jesus Christ for forgiveness.
  - 1. Trust Him to be able to forgive.
  - 2. Trust Him to forgive.
  - 3. Trust Him to save.
- D. If one will trust Jesus then Jesus will forgive, John 3:16; Acts 16:31; Romans 10:13.
- E. If one will not trust Jesus he will not be forgiven, John 3:18.

Conclusion:

- 1. Are you aware that you are guilty of sin against God?
- 2. How do you feel about your sin? Do you feel justified or condemned because of your sin?
- 3. Do you want to be forgiven of your sin or do you want to spend eternity in hell suffering for your sin?
- 4. The Bible invites you to trust Jesus Christ and be forgiven, Acts 13:38.

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- 5. There is no reason for one to go to hell.
- 6. There is no reason to miss heaven.

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