

THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.

BLASPHEMY

The Hebrew & Greek words for "Blaspheme" = "to violently & verbally puncture someone with the intent to hurt them, make them a villain, and ruthlessly discredit them."

Here are some synonyms for "Blaspheme".

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| a. "Reproach" | 2 Kings 19:4 |
| b. "Curse" | Job 5:3 |
| c. "Revile" | Matt. 27:39 |
| d. "Defame" | 1 Cor. 4:13 |
| e. "Evil speaking" | Eph. 4:31 |
| f. "Rail Against" | Mark 15:29 |

Some Definitions for these synonyms or related words:

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| a. "Blaspheme" | To blame & injure with words |
| b. "Reproach" | To blame, shame, and disgrace |
| c. "Curse" | To pronounce harm & evil fate on someone |
| d. "Revile" | "I despise you; you are worthless you piece of crap" |
| e. "Defame" | To attack the reputation beyond repair |
| f. "Evil" | Depraved, defective, and absolutely wrong & worthless |

1. All of these words mean "to blaspheme". Let's examine them more closely.
 - a. These words seem to describe a **verbal** attack on someone. ___Yes ___No
 - b. These words focus on wanting to **hurt** someone. ___Yes ___No
 - c. These words are intended to drive people away **from truth**. ___Yes ___No
 - d. These words contain massive amounts of **hatred**. ___Yes ___No
 - e. The one saying or doing this is full of **pride & evil**. ___Yes ___No

Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. FOR OUT OF THE ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART HIS MOUTH SPEAKS.

2. Where does the stuff we say with our mouth come from? _____
3. What kind of words come from an evil man? _____

Obviously, a person who behaves like a "blasphemer" says the words with his mouth, but he believes those words in his heart. If he shows great disrespect for a Holy God verbally, then he must hate God in his heart. His heart is HARD with pride.

4. What two characters in the Bible demonstrated this blasphemous attitude with hearts of pride & hatred

Isaiah 14:13-14 And you Lucifer said in your heart, "I will ascend into heaven; I will exalt my throne above God ...I will ascend above the clouds; I will be LIKE the most high God".

Exodus 11:10 So Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh; and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go."

Exodus 12:31-32 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, "RISE, AND GET OUT OF MY COUNTRY - ALL OF YOU. GO SERVE YOUR GOD LIKE YOU KEEP SAYING. ALSO TAKE YOUR FLOCKS & HERDS LIKE YOU KEEP SAYING; GET OUT!!

- a. Person #1 in Isaiah _____
- b. Person #2 in Exodus _____

Neither of these had any intentions of bowing down to God. The pride, evil, and hardness FILLED their lives & they verbally rejected, denounced, and spit on God. YES- THEY WERE BLASPHEMERS - From the beginning of time & early in the Old Testament.

Let's look the New Testament Blasphemers.

Matthew 12:22-23

Then a man was brought to Jesus who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and Jesus healed him, so that the blind & mute man both spoke and saw. And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David (the Messiah)?"

Matthew 12:24

Now when the pharisees heard that, they said, "THIS FELLOW DOES NOT CAST OUT DEMONS EXCEPT THROUGH THE POWER OF BEELZEBUB, THE RULER OF THE DEMONS".

5. According to the Jewish religious leaders (pharisees), where did Jesus get the authority & power to heal? _____
6. Consider these statements:
- The pharisees did not deny that the supernatural could happen. Yes No
 - The pharisees did not reject the reality of miracles. Yes No
 - The pharisees said the devil was behind this miraculous healing. Yes No
 - The pharisees stated that Jesus was controlled by the devil. Yes No
 - The pharisees pronounced that Jesus was a demon. Yes No
 - The pharisees saw what Jesus did, heard the words of the people, saw the healed man standing there, **YET STILL REJECTED THE TRUTH.** Yes No

Jesus lived by the power of the Spirit; the pharisees said he lived by the power of the devil.

Jesus healed & did miracles by the Spirit; the pharisees said he did them through the devil.

Jesus cast out demons by the Spirit; the pharisees said he cast out a demon through the devil.

THEY HAD NO LOGIC; THEY WERE NOT LOOKING AT THE FACTS; THEIR HEARTS WERE HARD.

Repeat after me - "Their hearts were hard; they had no intentions of ever believing". (Matt 12:28)

➡ HERE WE ARE FACE TO FACE WITH THE AGE-OLD QUESTION:

Is there a sin that is "unpardonable" or "unforgiveable"? THE ANSWER IS YES!!

**BLASPHEME AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT
THE UNPARDONABLE SIN
THE UNFORGIVEABLE SIN
THE SIN UNTO DEATH**

**It appears that all
four statements
mean the same thing.**

Matthew 12:31-32

(After he addressed the ridiculous claims about being of the devil) Therefore I say to you that every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven men. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

1 John 5:16

If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will God, and God will give life to that man since it is not a sin which leads to death. However, there is a sin which leads to death. There is no need to pray about that sin. Remember, all unrighteousness is sin, but not every sin is a sin leading to death (the unforgiveable sin).

- To blaspheme (bad mouth) Jesus is a sin that can be forgiven. Yes No
- This blaspheming is in the heart before it hits the mouth. Yes No
- To "speak against the Holy Spirit = to reject the Holy Spirit. Yes No
- All sins are forgivable by God except rejecting the Holy Spirit. Yes No
- Every sin but one, no matter how bad, can be forgiven. Yes No
- "Speaks against" sounds like someone made up their mind. Yes No

Look at these verses. There is hope for all of us sinners.

Hebrews 12:6 For whom the Lord loves, He disciplines, and spans every son He has received.
John 16:8 Jesus said, "and when the Holy Spirit (Helper) has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of SIN because they do not believe in Me; of RIGHTEOUSNESS, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of JUDGMENT, because the ruler of this world is judged.

13. Who is working in our lives all the time to deliver us from our sinful ways, and to give us strength and power to win over sin? _____

14. God does not want us to lose the daily battle over sin. Yes No

15. "Of sin" = we need to be reminded that sin is too powerful. Yes No

16. "Of righteousness" = We are wearing the holiness of God. Yes No

17. "Of judgment" = Satan is judged; he loses; we win. Yes No

Interesting: D + Evil = Devil

God wants to forgive us during every step of our life's journey. What is God looking for in our lives so that He can forgive & save & convert?

Acts 3:19 REPENT therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord ...

Acts 26:20 Therefore, King Agrippa, after I was converted on the road, I declared to those in Damascus, Jerusalem, Judea, and to the Gentiles THAT THEY SHOULD REPENT AND TURN TO GOD, AND DO WORKS THAT PROVED THEY REPENTED.

Romans 2:4 Do you despise, ignore, or take lightly the riches of God's goodness, faithfulness, and patience, not realizing that the goodness of God leads you to REPENTANCE

Rom. 10:9-10 If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Do you see the word "repent" or "confess" all through these verses?

18. "Repent" means to "change my mind, turn from sin & turn to God". Yes No

19. "Convert" means "my life has changed & I wanted it to." Yes No

20. "Confess" means "I openly admit my heart was hard; but no more". Yes No

21. "Heart" means "I made up my mind; I want Jesus Christ in my life". Yes No

22. "Believe" means "my heart is softened; I trust You, Lord". Yes No

23. By the way, have you changed you mind (**repented**), admitted that your heart was hard & rebellious (**confessed**), told God you trust Him to forgive your sins and give you eternal life (**believe**), and have made up your mind (**heart**) to let God change your life completely (**converted**)? When was that?

The person who "blasphemes" against (rejects) the Holy Spirit:

- In a continual state of continued unbelief. (It doesn't change.)
- Remains in a deliberate attitude of unrepentance. (He does not want to change.)
- Hardens his heart over and over by pushing God away. (He can't change.)
- Believes in his own self; he can make it on his own. (I do not need to change.)

24. Have you ever been there? (Check them)

- a. I have no concern about my sin - no remorse, no conviction, no anxiety; it's my life; things are working fine for now.
- b. I was so hard-hearted that I had no feeling about wrong; I lived my life the way I wanted, willful, evil on purpose, defiant; I could care less.
- c. I have been rejecting God my whole life. Even if I thought about changing my thinking, there is no God anywhere who would take me now.

If the person described here continued believing & living this way for the rest of his life, and then dies without turning to God, he has sinned the "unforgivable sin".

If the person described here makes a change & turns to God before he dies, his sins are forgiven.

25. Doesn't it make sense that if a man rejects the promptings (messages, guilt, memories, etc.) from the Holy Spirit to trust Jesus Christ as your Savior, and then dies in that unbelief, he has lost his chance to be forgiven, he has rejected (blasphemed) the Holy Spirit for the last time, he has suffered the sin unto death, the unpardonable & unforgivable sin? (Luke 12:10) Yes No

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God rests on him.

26. God has done everything to rescue man from eternal unforgiveness. Yes No

27. Man has tried everything else & chose to reject (blaspheme) God. Yes No

28. HOW DOES THIS WHOLE "UNFORGIVABLE SIN" THING AFFECT YOU?

- a. Did you ever think you committed this sin? Yes No
- b. Have you murdered someone? Did you think that was it? Yes No
Think again - King David murdered; he was forgiven. (That's not it.)
- c. Have you committed sex crimes? Did you think that was it? Yes No
Think again - King David did this too; he was forgiven. (That's not it.)
- d. Have you denied knowing the Lord? Did you think that was it? Yes No
Think again - Apostle Peter denied the Lord; he was forgiven. (That's not it.)

If you are doing this lesson; if you are thinking about God for your life; if you want changes in your life; if you feel regret - you are not a blasphemer, not a rejecter of the Holy Spirit; your heart is not hard. YOU ARE A SINNER SAVED BY THE WONDERFUL GRACE OF GOD.

ASK GOD TO KEEP YOUR HEART TENDER, HUMBLE, & OPEN TO HIM.