

How to Avoid God's Wrath: Part 7: Don't Knowingly Reject Christ

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Matthew 12:22-32

- **A (6) Question Plea to Those Who Hear to Repent and Bow Their Knee to Jesus:**
 - 1) **Will You Listen to the Confirmation?** V22, Jesus cast out a demon, healed the man's speech and sight. The miracles of Jesus were not disputed by the Jewish leaders. The signs were done to confirm His identity as the Messiah of God.
 - 2) **Will You Listen to the Deliberations?** V23, the people were astounded by this and asked if this Jesus was *truly* the Son of David? Do you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of David?
 - Is there hidden sin in your life that hold on to and doubt your salvation or the need for forgiveness?
 - 3) **Will You Listen to the Explanation?** V24, the Pharisees said that Jesus cast out demons by the ruler of demons. Beelzebul is a play on the word "Beelzebub" who was regarded as the Lord of the Flies (Lord Over the Dung Hill). Eventually the name was assigned to Satan. This was open cursing the name of Jesus.
 - **V25-26**, Jesus knowing their thoughts, gave them three answers to refute their blasphemy:
 - 1) A kingdom dividend cannot stand. Satan is the ruler of the world (Matt. 4:8-9, Eph. 2:2, Job 1:6-7, Rev. 2:13, John 12:31, Acts 26:18). The reality is that a kingdom can't be divided against itself.
 - 2) The Jews aren't being consistent as there are Jews who are casting out demons and the Jewish leaders attributed their works as from God, V27.
 - 3) They are being exposed to the person and work of God's Messiah and rejecting Him attributing His works to those of Satan. Jesus the King was there right before them. They rejected Him and didn't want to acknowledge the truth of who Jesus was.
 - How can they be saved if they attribute the work of the Spirit to Satan, V31?
 - 4) **Will You Listen to the Invitation?** V28-29, Satan is the "strong man" of V29. Jesus can bind the power of Satan (V22) and so He is greater than the god of this world (Beelzebul, V24) by being able to heal a demon-possessed man. Christ will come again and destroy Satan's work and bind him before casting him into the Lake of Fire in Rev. 20.
 - 5) **Will You Listen to the Condemnation?** V30, if you are not with Jesus, you are against Him, there is no neutrality. Blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven, V31-32.
 - **How did it come to these Jewish leaders being eternally condemned?** They saw the power of God to heal and deliver and called it the power of Satan. >Do not credit the work of the Spirit to Satan as these men did.
 - **What blessings did these men receive from Jesus:** 1) Great Enlightenment: they saw with their own eyes the Messiah. 2) They tasted of the heavenly gift in the person and work of Jesus. 3) They saw and heard of the Spirit's power healing people in the land. 4) They heard God's Word from the mouth of God Himself. 5) They received a glimpse of the coming age of Messiah (Isa. 65). **In all these things they witnessed, they rejected Jesus and so now have a certain expectation of judgement, Heb. 6:4-6, 10:26-27.**
 - 6) **Will You Listen to the Invasion?** V32, Jesus mentions the current age and the age to come. The coming age is His rule on earth as King and the eternal state after. The Jews were certain of an intermediate kingdom where Israel was restored, and Abrahamic promises fulfilled on earth. A time when Satan is crushed (Gen. 3:14-15, Rev. 20:1-15).
 - Revelation 6:14-17 tells of time when all the peoples of the earth hide in caves to avoid the presence of the Lamb and His wrath.
 - Jesus speaks clearly in Mathew 11:25-30 that He is calling anyone who hears Him to come unto Him and they will receive rest.
- ❖ **Will you receive the invitation from Christ to come?**

Further Discussion and Application

Matthew's gospel reveals the person and work of Jesus Christ. In Matt. 12:14, the Jewish leaders were already plotting to kill Jesus. In 12:22-32, they begin blaspheming Jesus to all the people around that Jesus is a worker of Satan. As we hear the word of God, sometimes there are things that are hard to understand or believe. How can we set our mind and heart to believe Christ's words and obey them? Why does obedience to His word provide great protection from error and deception?

All judgement has been given to the Son by the Father, John 5:22-24. If we believe and obey the commands of Jesus and honor the Father by believing in Jesus, we avoid judgement unto death. Why must we continue to progress in our sanctification and obedience to the Lord? Why should we not coast and be satisfied with knowing Christ and believing in Him for salvation? What should be the life of the believer who knows that Jesus is Lord and Savior?

Jesus provides us clear understanding of the two powers that are at work in the world. Jesus demonstrates over and over His power over Satan. He is declared over and over in Matthew to be the Son of God. If someone doesn't acknowledge the person and work of Jesus, who are they serving? In John 8:44-45, it says clearly the allegiance of man is to God or Satan. What do the children of Satan do to the truth? What do they deny? Why do they demonstrate the character of their father when they reject Christ?

There comes a time when grace is no longer available to those who reject Christ. Judgement abides on the unbeliever who has declared that they don't believe in Jesus or the gift He offers. How do you continue to offer the gospel to those who seemingly reject Christ at every turn? Why do we not give up praying and asking the Lord for the salvation of the lost?

Pray a prayer for the lost and for yourself to keep a soft heart even in the midst of the hard hearted.