

Mark 3:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:

Analysis

But he that shall blaspheme against Holy Ghost has never forgiveness but is in danger of eternal damnation. But de adversative contrast. Blaspheme blasphemēsē speak evil attribute evil to good. Against Holy Ghost eis to Pneuma to Hagion. Specific sin attributing Spirit work to Satan. Has never forgiveness ouk echei aphasin eis ton aiōna no forgiveness ever. But alla strong contrast. Is in danger enochos guilty liable. Eternal damnation aiōniou hamartēmatos eternal sin guilt. Unforgivable sin final impenitent rejection of Spirit testimony to Christ. Not casual doubt or struggle but deliberate persistent calling good evil light darkness. Reformed theology distinguishes unforgivable sin from temporary doubts struggles. True believers may doubt but do not finally reject Christ persistently attribute His work to Satan. Those worried about committing it have not their concern proves Spirit still working.

Historical Context

Pharisees had witnessed undeniable miracles healing casting out demons. Yet attributed this to Satan (Beelzebub 3:22). Calling Spirit work demonic reveals hardened hearts beyond conviction. Jesus warns this trajectory leads to point of no return. First-century exorcists used magic rituals. Jesus simple authoritative command clearly different. Attributing this to Satan was willful blindness. Church history shows varying interpretations of unforgivable sin. Some thought apostasy. Others final impenitence. Augustine emphasized dying in unbelief. Reformers

emphasized final rejection of gospel. Concern about having committed it indicates one has not. Hardened hearts do not care.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What specific sin constitutes blasphemy against Holy Spirit and why is it unforgivable?
2. How does concern about having committed unforgivable sin actually prove one has not committed it?

Interlinear Text

ὅς	δ'	ἄν	βλασφημήσῃ	εἰς	τὸ	πνεῦμα	τὸ	ἅγιον
G3739	But	he that	shall blaspheme	against	G3588	Ghost	G3588	the Holy
	G1161	G302	G987	G1519		G4151		G40

οὐκ	ἔχει	ἄφεσιν	εἰς	τὸν	αἰῶνα	ἀλλ'	ἐνοχός	ἐστιν
never	hath	forgiveness	against	G3588	G165	but	in danger	is
G3756	G2192	G859	G1519			G235	G1777	G2076

αἰωνίου	κρίσεως,
of eternal	damnation
G166	G2920

Additional Cross-References

Luke 12:10 (Holy): And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.

2 Thessalonians 1:9 (Eternal Life): Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

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