

"An Eternal Sin, or Unpardonable Sin."

Matthew 12:31-32; Mark 3:29-30.

1-Forgiveness of the Old Testament:

1-Three words especially are used to express the idea of forgiveness:

1-Cover-2-Pacify-3-Lift up, or away: The R. V. and the A. V. render all three usually "forgive" and sometimes "pardon."

2-The teaching of the New Testament as to forgiveness is sufficiently represented the sayings of Christ which led up to Peter's question and the answer

1-Matthew 18:15-22; also Luke 17:3-4.

1-Lord how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

2-The answer of Jesus:

I say not unto thee, until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven---490 times.

3-There is to be no limit whatever to the readiness of a follower of Christ to forgive---On the other hand,

it is equally clear that something is required on the part of the offender before he can be the recipient of forgiveness.

30 How forgiveness is won:

1-Whatever the nature of the offence, whoever the persons concerned may be--Forgiveness is won only by....

1-Repentance and confession.

2-The Prodigal son repented and confessed, Luke 15:11-24;

3-Simon, the sorcerer, was told to repent and pray that he might be forgiven-Acts 8:22.

4-How forgiveness obtained for aboriginal sin; 1-Acts 2:38; Repent and be baptized.

4-There are, however, two references which seem to set a limit to the possibility of Divine forgiveness.

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1-There is the case of the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.

2-There is St. John's allusion to "sin unto death."

1-1-John 5:16;

If a man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

3-The sin not unto death: Gal.6:1--You may pray for this sin

4-The sin unto death: Hebrews 6:4-6--

1-The sin unto death means a case of transgression, particularly of grievous backsliding from the life and power of godliness

2-This sin God has determined:

To punish----With spiritual death-----And in some instances with temporal death; Examples:

1-The young Prophet of God-1-Kings 13:1-32

2-The Israelites-Numbers 14th chapter.

(For these there is no need to pray)

5-The last thought in our lesson---The eternal or unpardonable sin, What is it? How is it committed? Can we commit it today?

1-The sin against the Holy Spirit shall not be forgiven men, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. Here read Mark 3:28-30. RV. Reads, Is bound by an eternal sin.

2-Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

1-How it is committed:

1-It is an offence of the tongue.

2-It is committed not by thinking.

3-It is committed :

1-By speaking; 2-By evil-speaking;

3-By belying, slandering or reviling the Divine spirit, ascribing his power to the devil which was in fact calling the Holy Spirit or the one true God, the devil

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