



Title: More Oppositions to the King (part 2) – The Pharisees & Blasphemy of the Holy Ghost

Text: Matt. 12:22-32

22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. 23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

Introduction:

1. The Lord was on purpose challenging the Pharisees to expose their hypocrisy. They did not care about people, they cared about their “system.” (They were not interested in Christ healing – they were upset that Jesus was in their mind, violating the Sabbath day law).
2. Even since Malachi – the last book of the O.T. English Bible – the priesthood was being rebuked. Has it gotten better in the days of Christ? Is Judaism better today? No.

I. The Possessed and a Devil (vv.22-29)

- A. Devil-possession (for the unsaved)/oppression (for the saved) is real.
- B. Jesus, as the Messiah, with power “healed him.” The people were amazed, and was willing to consider if He was indeed the Messiah (The “Son of David”).
- C. Jesus was pushing against the Pharisees for the purpose of driving them to fulfill God’s will – to execute Him or destroy Him.
- D. Beelzebub – the Lord of Dung (Baal = master). The Dung-god.
- E. Division brings destruction.

II. The Pharisees and Blasphemy Against the Holy Ghost (vv.30-32)

- A. Blasphemy in general is done by all unsaved. This can be forgiven. However...
- B. Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost is done by the Pharisees. This generation has passed. This is the unpardonable sin and can only apply to these Jews who rejected the light of Christ.
- C. Application: Anyone who rejects the Biblical light of the Gospel will not get saved.

Conclusion:

1. The Lord Jesus was challenging the dead, ritualistic, formalism religion of Judaism.
2. The Common people was starting to recognize Christ, but the leadership were rejecting Him.
3. The Blasphemy of the Holy Ghost is a special dispensational “sin” relative to the Messiah and to the Jewish leadership rejectors.