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## The Unpardonable Sin

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### TODAY'S READING: Mark 3

In Mark 3:20-30, Jesus is accused by the teachers of the law of performing miracles by the power of Satan. They have witnessed the power of the Holy Spirit and say of Jesus, "That is Satan!" They point to the Holy Spirit and say, "Unholy and unclean!" Blasphemy is the opposite of praise and worship. Praise is to speak good of someone. Worship is to assign worth to someone. Blasphemy is to speak evil and to attempt to take worth away from one that is deserving of such. Blasphemy is speaking evil against God. This is a serious sin. In the Old Testament, it called for the death of the offender (see Leviticus 24:16).

We serve a God who forgives. Jesus came to die, and by His death He purchased forgiveness for every man. He can forgive every manner of evil--except one. In Mark 3:29 we read, "*But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin.*"

It is the Spirit that draws you to Christ. It is the Spirit that regenerates you and brings new life to you. It is the Spirit that opens your eyes so you can see Jesus. Blasphemy against the Spirit is to speak against the work of the Spirit and to resist Him in such a way that you can no longer hear His voice calling you to repentance. The scribes had been given all the evidence. They had seen the miracles. They had heard the teachings. And they still rejected Christ. They rejected the very One in Whom it was necessary to believe to receive forgiveness. As a result, there remained no possibility of forgiveness. The unpardonable sin is to reject Jesus and die in your sin.

**PRAYER:** Lord, we praise You for Your love, grace and mercy. You desire all to repent and believe and come to You in salvation. But Lord, You are also a just God who will punish those who continually choose to reject You. Lord, we pray for our "Who's Your One" to turn to You for salvation before it's too late. Amen.

### TOMORROW'S READING: Mark 4

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