

BIBLE QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY DR. AYODEJI AWE

QUESTION 79-WHAT IS SIN AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT AND I WONDER WHY THIS SIN IS SO GRIEVOUS THAT IT HAS NO FORGIVENESS?

ANSWER:

The sin against the Holy Spirit (mentioned in Matt. 12:31-32 and Mark 3:28-29) is the transgressing of the standards, the likes and the operations of the third person of the triune God by believers. Practical examples include but not limited to grieving the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:22-29, 30*, 31-32). This sin can also be the blaspheming, that is, speaking of lies and disparagement against the Spirit by unbelievers and ignorant people. In this particular instance what Jesus was doing in the power of the spirit of God was being attributed to the evil spirit by the Pharisees and the scribes (Mark 3:22-30). That is tantamount to character assassination of the Holy Spirit. Existentially, God as we know him is revealed in three distinct forms, expressed in the language of New Testament as the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is also called the Holy Spirit. He is the most mysterious part of God. First in the sense that he was last comprehensively introduced to mankind and two as spirit he is the most concealed in the physical realm. In human conception and further imagination we readily conjured the father God, see from time to time pictures of Jesus the son (even those who lived in his time on earth walked, dined and interacted with him), but in contrast no one could visualize the Holy Spirit or sketch what he looks like. He is a figure with a spirit body.

Notwithstanding that he is the least seen, yet in today's encounter with life, the Holy Spirit plays more significant roles in the interaction between man and his God. It is this admission that accentuates the gravity of a misdemeanor against him. It defines its potency when it calls a play in a person's life.

Let's look at a few of his personality traits and vocation in man that makes him so endearing to the point that a sin against him becomes so outrageous that it leaves no room for forgiveness (cf. John 14:16-26).

1. He is Helper de facto.

When Jesus was leaving the earth he introduced the Holy Spirit as the person commissioned to step into the life of believers as the presence of God. In them he will dwell and live. He will forever abide. His major assignment will be a very present help. Because believers will never be alone, we ascertain that the Holy Spirit will be in us 24/7: meaning that we cannot be without the helper. This suggests that we will not lack assistance in all we are assigned meaning that we are guaranteed success. It then follows that we will accomplish great things.

Later on as the New Testament Church unfolded we were intimated with some elements of his functioning tactics in a believer through endowment of gifts. His gifts (spiritual) become a visible manifestation of his working through a believer. We then come to grasp that he speaks, interprets, preaches the gospel, delivers, heals, offer helps, manages, sings, gives etc through us as if we were the doers. We can say he impersonates us to do what we cannot ordinarily do (1Cor.12, Eph. 4:11ff). Summarily he is the helper that we cannot do without if we would go places and succeed big.

2. He is the Truth.

It takes the battering of one major mistake in life to derail and fail woefully but with the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer he cannot be brutalized by the human fallibility and error. It is widely acclaimed that when we know the truth it will set us free. The Holy Spirit in a believer personifies a better scenario than knowing the truth. This is actually an embodiment of truth which is a guarantee of absolute success because the truth is Jesus, who is the way and the life. With the full engagement of the Holy Spirit we cannot go wrong.

3. He is our Comforter.

At junctions and in moments of life when things get a little confounding, this person in us becomes a comforter, so close to chaperon us. Like a mother who breastfeeds and nurtures, and like a father who cares and provides he will be there guaranteed. You are never like an orphan when you have him.

4. He is our Teacher.

He is not just a segment or seasonal teacher as we do have in our world of today whereby we need different teachers for different disciplines. He is the teacher most qualified, being omniscient. He reportedly knows all things (1Cor.2:10, 1John 2:20). He is not just all knowledge in unseen spiritual matters only but in the sphere of the seen also, he is atop. He is versed in all things - spirit, chemistry, math, and all other subjects. Whatever field God places his people, we could attain to excellence because we have the most brilliant teacher, who is duly assigned and committed to our success in excellence. Even when we are in limbo and must speak, Jesus gives us the confidence that the Holy Spirit would take over our tongues to voice what the audience most accurately needed to hear (Luke 12:11-12).

5. He is the Creator.

As a part of God that created all things when the Lord says let there be (Gen.1), the Holy Spirit is still in the business of creating things out of nothing. Job attested to this fact: "The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life (33:4).

No wonder we are placed to not lack anything because the one who is in charge 24/7 has the power to make things happen. He is and also represents the one for whom nothing is impossible (Luke 1:37). He is a part of the "conglomerate" that calls those things that are not as if they are (Rom. 4:17).

Finally, herein lays the big prop for the Holy Spirit: we may not always see Jesus talk less of God, who we know that whoever sees dies (Exo. 33:20), the fact offering another dimension to the degree of difficulty that man faces. But run with this: there is One who is always with a believer, guaranteed. He speaks, directs, exerts influence, and gives feelings and sights that are barred from others. He is a revealer. With him, we are SEALED! Our salvation is secured. "Grieve him not!" Paul in divine wisdom admonishes us (Eph. 4:30, *ibid*).

Sin peaks when it is directed against such an unparalleled friend, a loving companion, a lofty defender and an all around skilled helper like no other that the Holy Spirit is. Such sin will not be overlooked nor forgiven. It culminates in eternal separation from God. This stance doesn't point to a God who is hard to forgive but spells the pitiful end of rejecting or losing such an indispensable person guaranteeing success, both in the physical and the spiritual realms. Either in form of rejecting Christ to begin with or ultimately abandoning God in the end; it is like

being guilty of this conventional wisdom: you cannot be bad to the one who is good to you, else that leaves you in the hand of the Controller of the universe who declares "Vengeance is mine, I will repay"(Rom.12:19).

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