Mat #93

Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit

Mat 9:28 When He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

Mat 9:29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, “It shall be done to you according to your faith.”

Mat 9:30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them: “See that no one knows *about this!*”

Mat 9:31 But they went out and spread the news about Him throughout all that land.

/Mat 9:32 As they were going out, a **mute, demon-possessed** man was brought to Him.\

We know right off the bat we are dealing with an Ubel and an Unbel who has allowed his OSN and Satanic influence to engulf his soul structure…this is possession.

Probably worshipping false gods such as fallen angels.

Mat 9:33 After the demon was cast out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed, *and were* saying, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.”

/Mat 9:34 But the Pharisees were saying, “He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons.”\

Mat 9:35 Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

Mat 9:36 Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.

Mat 9:37 Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

Mat 9:38“Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

We know for a fact that this is an Unbel….Demon Possessed is the give- away right there. A Bel can-not be demon possessed only demon influenced.

All demon possession starts out with an interest or influence that is allowed in the soul structure.

/Mat 9:32-33 we get a clear picture that some illnesses and/or disabilities may be demon induced. Demons do have abilities to bring forth mental & physical illness therefore we can never rule out demon possession or influence as a cause for sickness.\

Now to balance this out I must clarify that not every case of mental or physical illness is from Satan. Take the two blind men for all accounts they were blind after the moment of salvation and quite possibly were still blind for weeks or even months after becoming born again.

 We never see demons leave their bodies when TLJC healed them.

/Mat 9:34 But the Pharisees were saying, “**He (Jesus)** casts out the demons **by the ruler of the demons**.”

Blasphemy at the highest level!\

TLJC is in front of these men and they call Him a demon…they are saying TLJC is part of the army of Satan.

We can see these same types of statements elsewhere in the Gospels…in Luke, the Gospel of Mark and another set of scriptures in Matthew.

This is what theology has titled blaspheming the HS. Here is an example in Luke;

/Luke 12:10 And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; **but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit**, it will not be forgiven him.\

Turn to the Gospel of Mark chapter 3 with me.

Blasphemy against the Spirit is often used in modern day terms as someone who is cursing against God.

But the true historical definition of Blasphemy against the HS was only valid in the dispensation of the Hypostatic Union.

You see another example in Matthew chapter 12;

/Mat 12:24 But when the Pharisees heard *this,* they said, “**This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul** the ruler of the demons.”\

The Gospel of Matthew and Mark are very similar and most likely the same situation from 2 different viewpoints.

Many of the stories in the Gospel cover several different events and some are the exact same events but others are just similar because it was reoccurring every time TLJC showed up the attacks and verbal assaults were the same.

Look what else is written in chapter 12 of Matthew:;

/Mat 12:32 “Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; **but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him**, either in this age or in the *age* to come.\

Blasphemy against the HS pertaining to the humanity of Christ at the time TLJC was on the earth in His earthly ministry.

/Mar 3:22 The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “**He is possessed by Beelzebul,**” and “He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons.”\

Mar 3:23 And He called them to Himself and began speaking to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan?

Mar 3:24 “If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

Mar 3:25 “If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

In other words how can a demon possessed man cast out a demon from another man?

Mar 3:26 “If Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but he is finished!

Mar 3:27 “But no one can enter the strong man’s house and plunder his property unless he first binds the strong man, and then he will plunder his house.

Only the TLJC can bind the power of Satan, than cast out a demon.

Mar 3:28 “Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter;

/Mar 3:29 but **whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness**, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—\

Mar 3:30 because they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

 There are some terms loosely thrown around and used and it is not a major issue to start a spiritual war of words against other pastors or churches.

It is similar to the terms Theophany and Christophany.

 A theophany is a manifestation of the person and work of Jesus Christ in His pre-incarnate state. This is a theological category for the appearances of Jesus Christ before the First Advent. REPEAT

Many pastors will use a separate term like Christophany as a way to describe when TLJC appears as a man in the OT.

It is not much different in the sense that when God appears in a burning bush or a pillar of fire or a human body or a form called the angel of the Lord to OT saints it is a supernatural event and you usually call it a Theophany.

In other words do not split hairs over minor terminology that some pulpits tend to favor.

But the pastor who uses the phrase *blasphemy of the HS* …should have a grasp on the core principle of how and why it was used.

/*Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit* - was predominantly focused on the dispensation of the Hypostatic Union. Because it was God the Holy Spirit sustaining Jesus, leading Jesus in His humanity.\

God is speaking to the world at that historic time through His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit indwells Jesus and actually performs these miracles.

And Jesus speaks and gives the gospel in the power of the Spirit, so that you actually have a parallel.

/Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is rejection of the gospel. Anyone or anything affiliated with Satan cannot help but reject the gospel. They then attribute Jesus’s power with Satan meaning not only rejecting the gospel but accusing the Messiah of being a pawn of Satan.\

The Pharisees take a look at the gospel and say, No!!

Whereas the people responded: This is the son of David. This is the ministry of the Holy Spirit in conviction toward those who are calling out the Messiah as a son of Satan not the son of God.

Jesus is actually there so the Holy Spirit deals with Jesus;

He is there and so the Holy Spirit is dealing with these people about Christ meaning the chosen one, the Messiah.

/This particular facet of rejecting Christ today is impossible because we are in the Church-Age. Christ indwells us and is seated at the right hand of God the Father, His earthly ministry concerning the Cross is completed.\

Turn to Acts chapter 7 so we can look at a principle that is the exact same circumstance only a few years later once the CA had begun.

When you truly understand dispensations and what changes occur throughout Biblical history it becomes crystal clear.

Let’s close by taking a look at the first Deacon of the CA. A man we should all hope to meet when we go to heaven…often forgotten about but so very powerful in his faith.

A group of seven man had been ordained by the Apostles because now it was time to get serious and have the Apostle live in their calling which was to complete the Bible and teach the word of God across the land.

Because a Pastor-teacher can-not have a growing ministry if he has too many other distractions or side jobs…there comes a point where a Pastor must simply focus on studying and teaching and that is it.

Stephen was a deacon freshly ordained and there to take the burden & some responsibilities off the Apostles.

And boy does he!

Look at Acts 7:51

Stephen goes right out and preaches the gospel and deals with the legalistic crowd that was forming against the Apostles.

/Act 7:51 “You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are **always resisting the Holy Spirit**; you are doing just as your fathers did.\

This is the same principle in a new dispensation. This is a form of blaspheming the HS but in a new realm and new dispensation.

Act 7:52 “Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become;

Stephen is bold & confident in his faith!

Act 7:53 you who received the law as ordained by angels, and *yet* did not keep it.”

Stephen is about to be put to death;

Act 7:54 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they began gnashing their teeth at him.

/Act 7:55 But **being full of the Holy Spirit**, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;\

Notice Stephen is filled with the HS not just having the HS come upon in the moment. ELABORATE first death in CA

Act 7:56 and he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

Act 7:57 But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse.

What emotional people who can’t stand truth will always do…cover their ears and charge at you in aggressive fashion.

/Act 7:58 When they had driven him out of the city, **they began stoning him***;* and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a **young man named Saul**.\

It wasn’t enough for Stephen to be pushed out of the city limits…they had to physically attack him.

And notice the kind stranger who many scholars believe was promoting this violence…SAUL.

Yes that man would later on become known as the Apostle Paul.

Act 7:59 They went on stoning Stephen as he called on *the Lord* and said, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!”

/Act 7:60 Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, **“Lord, do not hold this sin against them!”** Having said this, **he fell asleep**.\

Stephen was a warrior to the last moment… a true Christian hero that often gets overlooked in Bible studies.

There is the Pharisee in training Saul of Tarsus standing by willing to not only guard the clothing of the angry mob but I’m sure he was yelling insults and cheering on the blood bath.

Stephen had argued his beliefs in front of Synagogue leaders and stood against a group of men who were gunning for the Apostles.

Because the truth of Stephen’s words and his strong faith was more than they could handle so what does the arrogant crowd do…they attack!

Those who reject truth will often resort to lies, manipulation and even physical attacks to shut down the truth.

It happens in our own political & social theaters all around our country today.

The principles I want to close with are simply to clarify the dispensation of the Hypostatic Union concerning the term Blasphemy against the HS.

/Those that had attacked our Lord during His earthly ministry would only need to seek forgiveness and come to believe in Him for eternal security. But those who attacked and also promoted the lie that Jesus was a soldier of Satan were sealing their own fate in the Lake of Fire.\

So if you have a pastor who uses that term concerning people who swear against God or act out in certain lifestyles against God they might not fully understand the term and its Biblical significance and history.

It was a term used for a general period of time for 3 years when TLJC had an earthly ministry.

While Jesus was sustained by the power of the HS those who chose to attack the gospel and promote the narrative that TLJC came in the name of Satan and not in the name of the one true God all fell under this category of Unbels who were destined to the lake of fire because of Blasphemy against the HS.

It is not up to me or you to tell a pastor or church they can’t use that term for Unbels who attack the plan of God but you may want to clarify for them so they don’t use that term to point out Bels who swear too much or fall away from the church in some type of sin.

/We need not be the spiritual police for every term and phrase of the Bible but we should understand the reason it was used and who it applied too, so we do not misinterpret God’s word.\

The more you dig into the word of God in the proper fashion the more dispensations will stand out to you in your own spiritual walk which will give you a clear sense of the Bible and what it truly means.

We will finish up Matt chapter nine next lesson by looking at the harvest verses and the sheep and Shepard references that Jesus brought up to His disciples.