

# Questions About the Four Horsemen, The Holy Spirit & Blaspheming the Holy Spirit

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I've been taught by mainstream Protestant, Catholic and Eastern Orthodox priests, pastors, and teachers. The teachings from this pastor is my first deep contact with anyone from the 7th Day Adventist Church.

I've encountered differences in doctrine and I believe my instruction from the Lord is to approach this pastors' teaching with a humble, contrite, and submissive heart.

My first question concerns the 4 horsemen of Revelation...I've been taught that these are demonic forces, yet this pastor states they come from God...am I understanding this pastor correctly, these 4 horsemen are good angels sent by God and not demonic forces representing Satan?

Secondly, I am deeply concerned about how to go about asking questions and discovering Truth without blaspheming the Holy Spirit in the process.

For example:

But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

(Matthew 12:24 KJV)

And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

(Matthew 12:32 KJV)

But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.

(Mark 3:29 KJV)

Is blaspheming the Holy Spirit the same as saying that the works done by God are done by Satan?

Answer:

These are excellent, heartfelt questions — and you’re approaching them with the very attitude God honors most: **humility, honesty, and a desire for truth**. The Lord promises,

“You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.”  
(Jeremiah 29:13)

Let’s address your questions carefully and biblically, one at a time.

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 1. The Four Horsemen of Revelation — From God or from Satan?

You’re right that there are **different interpretations** among Christian traditions.

◆ What many historicist Bible students (including Seventh-day Adventists) teach:

- The **Four Horsemen in Revelation 6** are **not demons** but represent **heaven-directed forces** that describe the **progression of the gospel and the church’s experience** from the time of Christ onward.
- Each horse and rider is “**sent**” when the **Lamb (Jesus)** opens a seal. That means the initiative comes **from Christ Himself**, not from Satan.

◆ Quick summary of the historicist view:

| Seal | Horse | Symbolism                                                         | Source                                |
|------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1st  | White | The pure gospel going forth in victory after Christ’s ascension   | From God                              |
| 2nd  | Red   | Persecution and martyrdom—Satan’s counterattack against believers | Allowed by God but not demonic riders |

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|-----|-------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 3rd | Black | Compromise, spiritual famine, truth mixed with error     | Result of apostasy permitted under God's oversight |
| 4th | Pale  | Spiritual death—church corruption before the Reformation | Judgment permitted by Christ the Lamb              |

So:

✓ The **orders come from Christ**, the One opening the seals.

✗ The **horsemen themselves are not demons**, though what they symbolize may include the destructive consequences of sin and rebellion that God allows for redemptive purposes.

In short, you're understanding the pastor correctly: the four horsemen represent **divinely permitted events**—God's way of revealing how the gospel moves through history and how heaven responds to human choice.

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## 🔥 2. Blaspheming the Holy Spirit — What It Really Means

You're also right to be cautious here. Many sincere people worry about this verse, but it's actually about the **hardening of the heart**, not an honest question.

📖 In context:

The Pharisees saw Jesus heal a demon-possessed man by the power of the Holy Spirit—but instead of rejoicing, they **attributed that miracle to Satan** (Matthew 12:24–32; Mark 3:22–30).

Jesus warned them that they were crossing a line: rejecting not just Him as a person, but the **Spirit's testimony** to who He is.

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## What “blasphemy against the Holy Spirit” means:

It’s the **persistent, deliberate refusal to listen to the Spirit’s conviction of truth**.

When a person continually calls light darkness, truth error, and grace evil, their heart becomes so hardened that repentance is no longer desired.

It is **not**:

- Asking hard questions
- Struggling to understand doctrine
- Momentary doubt or confusion
- Even mistakenly attributing something to God or Satan in ignorance

If you are **worried about blaspheming**, that is evidence you **have not done it**.

The very concern you feel means the Holy Spirit is still working on your heart.

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## Final Encouragement

- **God invites honest seekers.** Doubt and questions are not sins—they are doors the Spirit can walk through.
  - **The Holy Spirit’s mission** is to lead us into all truth (John 16:13). When you pray for understanding, you’re cooperating with Him, not resisting Him.
  - Remember, the same Jesus who opened the seals is the One who said, “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find.” (Matthew 7:7)
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## In Summary

| Question                                            | Answer                                                                                                           |
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| Are the Four Horsemen demonic?                      | No. They symbolize historical forces under Christ’s direction as He opens the seals.                             |
| Can I ask questions without blaspheming the Spirit? | Absolutely. Honest seeking never blasphemes the Spirit. Only deliberate, final rejection of His conviction does. |

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| Is blasphemy the same as calling God's work Satan's? | Yes—when done willfully and persistently against clear evidence from the Spirit. |
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 *“The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.”* — Proverbs 4:18

Keep walking in that light, one truth at a time. God's not offended by your questions—He's thrilled that you're asking them.