

PERSONAL NOTE TO OUR READERS: *Dear Friends, We press the battle for our Lord here. If we count the Bride Revival as having started in 1963, when the Seven Seals were opened, then it has been going on for over 50 years. Some maybe waiting for the Bride to have revival, but this writer believes it is about to end! This note is to each one of our readers individually, and I say from my heart, "Thank you for your support. I am very encouraged by your confidence in the ministry, and I believe the Lord is rewarding you." We have started a project to mail all our readers a copy of Br. F.F. Bosworth's book, CHRIST THE HEALER (at no charge), but we are getting some of them back due to incorrect addresses. So, if you haven't received your book and you would like to have it, please send a card with your current NAME and ADDRESS. No more will be mailed out unless we receive your card. Hope to hear from you.* **Br. C.W. Wood**

QUOTE: HEBREWS BOOK, PAGE 216, ".....Let's go over to Hebrews, 10th chapter, the 26th verse: *For if we sin willfully after...we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin, But a certain fearful looking....of the judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversary.*

He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

THE UNPARDONABLE SIN

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Of how much more sorer punishment....who has trod underfoot the Son of God, and has counted the blood of the covenant, where-with he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and....done despite to the works of grace?" (End of Quote)

QUOTE: HEBREWS BOOK, PAGE 217, "That's not talking about a Christian. That's talking about a man that heard the Word and turned away from it...he that disbelieves *wilfully* after he...(not after he received Christ in his heart; the Bible doesn't say that)...*If we sin wilfully* (disbelieve wilfully) *after...we have received the knowledge of the truth,....*(get it? Wasn't talking to a Christian at all!)

Some woman came to me not long ago, and said, "Brother Branham, I'm a Christian, but I blasphemed the Holy Ghost."

I said, "It's impossible." A Christian could not blaspheme the Holy Ghost. You can't do it. A Christian spirit bears record with Christ's Spirit. See? And you'll call everything of God, "God's." (End of Quote)

A Born-Again Christian cannot commit the Unpardonable Sin.

Now, I want to go the Message and show that the Prophet said the so-called Unpardonable Sin can be forgiven.

QUOTE: UNPARDONABLE SIN, PG 28, "For if you sin wilfully, after you received the knowledge of the Truth, there remain no more sacrifice for

sin," till you come make that thing right. That's right. If you know you're doing wrong, walk right up just as humbly as you can, search it out.

"Well," you say, "I'll look it up, some of these days." Some of these days may be too long. You may not live "some of these days." The thing to do is search it out right now. That's right. Look at it and see if it's right. And if it's the Truth, walk in It, and God will bless you." (End of Quote)

Here he says the Unpardonable Sin can be forgiven. This has to be true in order to fit the rest of the scripture. John 6:37, "If any man shall come to me, I will in no wise cast him out." Ezk. 18:23, "Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? Saith the Lord, and not that he should return from his ways and live? Ezk. 33:11, "Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" Verse 12, "As for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness;" Verse 14, "Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful

and right;” Verse 16, “None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.”

How plainly do all these scriptures say that any wicked and any sin will be forgiven when repented of! Remember, scripture cannot contradict scripture! They must all agree!

As a minister of the Gospel for 50 years, May 2014, I have encountered people who have been taught that they had committed the Unpardonable Sin. And, some of these people seemed to have a desire to be in a church and serve God, but had been wrongly taught that some sin or other that they were guilty of, had caused them to be eternally lost.

QUOTE: THE UNPARDONABLE SIN, PG 16, “Now the first thing we want to know, what is the Unpardonable Sin? Some of them said, it’s suicide, some of them said, it’s a mother that gets rid of her child (abortion), others said because you once had the Holy Ghost and backslid on the Holy Ghost. It isn’t. No sir! (End of Quote)

QUOTE: THE UNPARDONABLE SIN, PAGE 19, “Paul said he that sins, or disbelieves willfully after he has received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin. There is your Unpardonable Sin, to know what the truth is and refuse to walk in it.” (End of Quote)

And, the mysterious thing about this wrong teaching was that the teachers did not agree on what sin it was that caused one to be eternally lost! Some say that the Unpardonable Sin is to see the truth, but resist it for so long a time that the Lord will eventually refuse to forgive you. It is not that God will refuse to

forgive after so long a time, but that our hearts become so hard that we won’t repent.

Psalms 95:8, “**Harden not your hearts, as in the day of provocation, and as in the day of temptation.**”

Heb. 3:8, “**Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation...**”

Heb. 3:15, “**....today if you will hear His voice, harden not your heart.**”

Heb. 4:7, “**....today after so long a time, as it is said, if you will hear His voice harden not your heart.**”

Why then does the Scripture say that God hardened Pharaoh’s heart? Very simple reason. Pharaoh never did repent! After all the miracles, he saw, he refused to repent. So, God hardened his heart!

We admit that to read the scriptures with our natural (carnal) mind, we will come to a wrong conclusion. Scripture warns us not to harden our hearts. It leads to unrepentant sins. We must learn to read the Word, then wait for our Lord to shine His light on it for us, before we reach our final conclusion!

We often testify that nothing is too hard for our God, and that nothing is impossible for Him! And this is true, but with one exception. The exception is this, our God can do anything, except make a wrong decision or do a wrong thing. His Holy, Perfect character prohibits Him from any kind of wrong doing! His Bride is receiving this revelation concerning their Bridegroom. We now know, by revelation that no wrong thought, nor any wrong act can come from the Holy One of Israel! Keeping this in mind, I am going to be a public witness for my Lord and

King by saying He has never refused to forgive any person for sin when they have come to Him with an honest heart and being truly repentant! It matters not what the sin is, or how long it has been committed, if the heart of the individual is still soft enough to come and truly repent, he will be forgiven.

At this point, I can hear some of your rejections to this teaching. I expect that. Scriptures are more than likely coming to the minds of you Bible scholars. So, I respectfully ask you not to trash the sermon, but allow me to make the case for our Lord. If you will read on, I promise to give you Scripture and quote to prove the statements I have made. “Let every man be a liar, but God be the truth.” Is that not what we want? The truth will set us free!

First, I will remind us all what our Lord told Peter when he asked how many times he must forgive a person who had wronged him. Matt. 18:21-35, Peter asked, “**Shall I forgive him as many as seven times?**” The Lord’s answer is most amazing and enlightening! Jesus said, “**I say not unto thee until seven times, but until seventy times seven.**” That equals 490 times, and even this number of times was not meant by our Lord to be the end of our forgiveness! It only indicates that we are to forgive as often as the offender comes and truly repents! In Verse 35, the Lord states clearly that we will be delivered to the tormentors if we do not forgive everyone his Brother their trespasses. If the Lord requires us to be always forgiving, then how dare we to accuse Him of ever failing to forgive, when the seeker comes in the right spirit of meekness!

I would like to fill our minds with scriptures that says that our Gracious Lord always forgives one that is truly repentant. Then we will investigate the scriptures that seem to say that there is a sin, or sins, that He will not forgive.

In Rev. 3, the Lord is speaking about our last age, the Laodicean Age. He has noted our sins and our lukewarmness. He rightly accuses us of being wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked! Nevertheless, in Verse 2, He promises that He is still standing at the door of our heart, knocking to see if we will allow Him to come in! His promise is, **"If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in unto him, and will sup with him and he with me."**

In II Peter 3:9, we are told, **".....the Lord is long suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance!"**

John 3:16 is one of the scriptures that our children learn first, but have we as grownups received all its meaning? Who was the Lord speaking to when He said, **"Whosoever believeth shall not perish?"** This word *whosoever* circles the globe and gives a promise to all us humans who were born in sin, that if we come, and when we come and repent, we will not perish! It does not set a time limit, after which we cannot come! Neither does it set a limit on how much we have sinned, or our degree of guilt! Jesus simply said, "Whosoever you are, come and repent believe in the plan of salvation, and you shall not perish."

I Peter 3:18, **"....Christ also has once suffered for sins, the**

just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh..." Notice! It does not say that Christ suffered for only some of us unjust people, but it indicates that He suffered for all the unjust!

Matt. 12:31-33, **"Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin, and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men."**

Verse 32, **"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."**

Verse 33, **"Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit."**

Here in Verse 32 is a scripture that seems to be saying that he that speaks against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. But, notice Verse 31. There seems to be a contradiction here for it says, **".....all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men, but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men."** Do you see the puzzle here? One verse says all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven, but then goes on to say, **"...but blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven."** Notice! It says all manner of blasphemy shall be forgiven, but then says some manner of this will not be forgiven! We cannot make the word lie, but it

is written in such a way that unless God reveals it, we cannot understand it.

To me, Verse 33 holds the answer, **"Either make the tree good** (cause the person to repent and be forgiven) **or else make the tree corrupt and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by its fruit."** In other words, if a person won't repent and receive forgiveness, then he can't be forgiven, in this life, or the world to come. The world to come for those without the Holy Ghost will be decided at White Throne Judgment.

So, what is the overall meaning of our scripture in Matt. 12:31-33? This is my understanding. People who speak against God and His Word before they have a revelation of the truth, are not held responsible. But, when the Holy Ghost come and gives us a revelation and then after seeing the real truth we reject it, then we have to repent or be lost! If that's our case at White Throne Judgment, even our good works won't save us. There is no way to repent after we are at White Throne Judgment! Some will be given Life there (the Holy Ghost) but if we didn't repent before we died, it's too late at White Throne Judgment.

John 5:16 needs to be explained. John 5:15, **"If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it."**

17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God

keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not."

This seems to say that some certain sin can't be repented of. Not so! It can't mean that and fit the rest of the Word! God was coming against the Catholic teaching about Purgatory. If you die unrepentant, you can't be prayed out of a place called Purgatory.

Now it is time to show a man in the scripture that blasphemed the Holy Ghost and was forgiven!

In Matt. 16:13-17, Peter received a revelation from God

about who the man Jesus was. He said to Jesus, you are the Christ. Then Jesus said to him, "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, (but My Father gave you the revelation)." The point here is that Peter had a revelation.

Now, let's look at Matt. 26:69:75. Peter in Pilate's Judgment Hall denied his revelation three times. The last time with cursing. When he went out and the cock crowed, he wept bitterly and repented, after he had blasphemed by denying the truth the Holy Ghost had given

him. How do we know he repented and was forgiven? He went on to the Upper Room and received the Holy Ghost.

Also, in Heb. 12:15-17 it looks like Esau tried to repent and was rejected, but no! If he had repented he would have received the Blessing. The Scripture says he couldn't repent. His heart was too hard.

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