

Baldwin Hills Baptist Church

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Sermon Outline

“The Lord Pronounces Eternal Judgment On Israel’s Hardened Religious Leaders!”

- Matthew 12:31-37 -

(Life of Christ Series Sermon)

I. BECAUSE THEY BLASPHEMED THE HOLY SPIRIT, v-31, 32

A. All Other Blasphemies Could Be Forgiven, v-31a; Mk. 3:28

B. The Blasphemy Against The Holy Spirit Was An Unforgiveable Sin, v-31b; Acts 10:38

C. A Word Spoken Against Christ Could Be Forgiven, v-32a; Acts 26:11; 1 Tim. 1:13

D. Whoever Speaks Against The Holy Spirit Could Never Be forgiven, v-32b; Mk. 3:29, 30; Cf. Mk. 3:22

E. This Sin Cannot Be Repeated Today! The Exact Circumstances Would Have To Occur Today!

1. The Lord warned of deceivers, Mt. 7:21-23

2. Paul warned of deceivers, 2 Tim. 3:13

II. THE LORD EXPOSED THE TRUTH ABOUT MAN’S HEART, v-33-35

A. He Said Consider A Tree And It’s Fruit, v-33

1. Consider that a good tree produces good fruit, v-33a

2. Consider that a bad tree produces bad fruit, v-33b

3. The type of tree is known by it’s fruit, v-33c Cf. Lk. 6:43, 44

4. The Lord’s Point was:

a. He was doing good works, therefore He must be good

b. He could not be evil and produce good works. Cf. Jn. 3:1, 2

B. The Lord Confirmed The Connection Of The Religious Leader’s Heart And Their Mouth, v-34

2. They were hardened sinners in a desperate situation.

-- John the Baptist made it clear, Mt. 3:7

a. Like poisonous snakes they were deceptive and dangerous, v-34a

b. Their evil heart produced evil speech, v-34b -Therefore they spoke evil of Christ. Cf. Mt. 23:15

3. Both Good and Evil men reveal what is in their heart, v-35; Lk. 6:45; Prov. 4:23

III. THE LORD AFFIRMS THAT IN THE JUDGMENT MANKIND WILL GIVE ACCOUNT FOR WHAT THEY HAVE SPOKEN, v-36, 37

A. Every Careless Word Will Be Accounted For, v-36

B. Mankind Will Be Justified Or Condemned By Their Words, v-37

C. We Must Make Every Effort To Guard Our Tongue, James 3:5,6; Prov. 12:18