

The Unpardonable Sin

Matthew 12:22-32

(series #72)

Intro: the healthy, but unnecessary, fear of this sin

I. The Background of this Sin vv. 22-23

- A. The controversy culminating in verse 14
- B. The miracle in verse 22
- C. The response of the crowd in verse 23
 - 1. Isaiah 35:5
 - 2. Matthew 9:27

II. The Interchange with the Pharisees vv. 24-30

- A. The accusation of Satanic power v. 24
 - Matthew 9:32-34
- B. The arguments of Jesus vv. 25-29
 - 1. A house divided can't stand vv. 25-26
 - 2. The contrast with other exorcists v. 27
 - 3. A greater power than Satan vv. 28-29
- C. The necessity to make a choice v. 30

III. The Issue of the Unpardonable Sin vv. 31-32

- A. The Spirit empowered Jesus
- B. The Pharisees clearly saw the evidence
- C. They willfully rejected and credited Satan

Conclusion: the danger of the point of no return

- Romans 1:24-28; 1st Timothy 4:2, Eph. 4:19