

## The Red-Letter Words of Yeshua ~ Part 42

### The Ministry Continues ~ Part 6

We continue our study of **The Ministry Continues**, beginning in **Mattityahu** 12:31-32. We will be interspersing quotes from **Mattityahu**, **Luke**, and **Mark** in this post. Thus, the footnotes for the citation.

### Blasphemy Against the Holy Spirit (cont.)

***<sup>31</sup> Because of this, I tell you that people will be forgiven any sin and blasphemy but blaspheming the Ruach HaKodesh will not be forgiven. <sup>32</sup> One can say something against the Son of Man and be forgiven, but whoever keeps on speaking against the Ruach HaKodesh will never be forgiven, neither in the 'olam hazeh (this age) nor in the 'olam haba (the age to come). <sup>1</sup>***

**Blaspheming** (that is, insulting) **the Ruach HaKodesh** consists in either (1) willfully continuing to deny the **Gospel** when the **Ruach** has made clear to you that it is true or (2) attributing the works of the **Ruach** to the **Adversary (HaSatan)**; in the present context these amount to about the same thing. **Jewish** teachers commonly taught that one's sufferings in this life could make up for sins, but certain grave sins would be carried over into the world to come. "Highhanded" sins - deliberate rebellion against God - could not be atoned for under the **Torah**. **Blasphemy** was punishable by death (Leviticus 24:10-23).

***<sup>30</sup> for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."**<sup>2</sup>*

To **blaspheme** the **Ruach HaKodesh** is to attribute the work of God to **an evil** (literally **unclean**) **spirit**. Resisting and denouncing the work of **God** in this way prevents the convicting work of the **Ruach** that leads to repentance, saving faith in **God**, and pardon for sin.

***<sup>33</sup> "If you make a tree good, its fruit will be good; and if you make a tree bad, its fruit will be bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.***

A person can identify a tree-based upon the fruit it produces; so too with the **P'rushim**. Their remarks about **Yeshua's** power source identify them as wicked enemies of **God**.

***<sup>34</sup> You snakes! How can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what overflows from the heart. <sup>35</sup> The good person brings forth good things from his store of good, and the evil person brings forth evil things from his store of evil. <sup>36</sup> Moreover, I tell you this: on the Day of Judgment, people will have to give account for every careless word they have spoken; <sup>37</sup> for by your own words you will be acquitted, and by your own words you will be condemned."**<sup>3</sup>*

**By your words, you will be vindicated.** Since words express the heart, good words demonstrate a good heart, and bad words are evil. On judgment day, words will provide evidence for vindication or condemnation.

***When his family heard about this, they set out to take charge of him, for they said, "He's out of his mind!"<sup>4</sup>***

In our next post, we will pick up where we left off in **Mattityahu** 12:38-42.

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<sup>1</sup> Mattityahu 12:31-32.

<sup>2</sup> Mark 3:30.

<sup>3</sup> Mattityahu 12:34-37. (see Mark 3:28-29)

<sup>4</sup> Mark 3:21.