

THE CLIMAX OF REJECTION
Blaspheming the Holy Spirit--Part 1
Matthew 12:22-30

- I. REJECTION OF CHRIST BEGINS WITH BEING UNCONVINCED, EVEN IN THE MIDST OF CONVINCING PROOF:** Jesus heals a demon possessed man the crowd is amazed yet not convinced He is the Messiah **(22-23)**

- II. REJECTION OF CHRIST CULMINATES IN REJECTION OF HIS SPIRITS' CLEAR REVELATION OF HIM, so as to keep one's lifestyle of sin (religious or irreligious):** The Pharisees try to protect their religious positions of power and authority with the multitudes by blaspheming, attributing Jesus' healings to Satan **(24)**

- III. ONLY CHRIST THROUGH HIS WORD UNVEILS THE UNDERLYING WICKED REALITY AND FUTURE DESTINY OF THOSE WHO REJECT HIM (25-30)**
 - A. For the sake of the crowd, Jesus destroys the Pharisees evil illogical and absurd accusation revealing they are on the road to judgment (25-27)**
 - 1. In light of Gods revelation, there rejection of Christ is illogical (25-26)

 - 2. At the core of rejection of Christ is an inconsistent hypocritical bias (27)

 - B. Jesus reveals because His irrefutable power is of God, there is no middle ground, you are either for Him or against Him (28-30)**

- IV. The Conclusion: ETERNAL CONDEMNATION AWAITS THOSE WHO COMMIT THE UNFORGIVABLE SIN of rejecting Christ by rejecting His Spirits' clear revelation of Him (31-37)**

NEXT WEEK (Lord willing)