

HOW CAN ONE ESCAPE ETERNAL JUDGMENT?
THE CLIMAX OF REJECTION-- Part 2
Matthew 12:31-37

- I. **BE WARNED**, although Christ forgives, **THERE IS AN UNFORGIVABLE SIN**: In the context of the Pharisees blasphemy, Jesus therefore declares the reality of an eternally unforgivable sin (31-32)

- II. With His warning in mind, **MAKE UP YOUR MIND CONCERNING JESUS**: Jesus calls upon them to make up their minds concerning Him based on His Fruit (33)

- III. Understand **THE TRUE NATURE OF THOSE WHO REJECT CHRIST**: Jesus rebukes the Pharisees, uncovering their phony goodness and revealing their wicked hearts as evidenced by wicked words (34-35)
 - A. Jesus confronts the hypocritical, dangerous, evil, Pharisees (a picture of unbelief) (34a)

 - B. A truth that condemns the Pharisees: Their evil blasphemy reveals their evil hardened hearts (34b-35)

- IV. **KNOW THAT JUDGMENT DAY AWAITS THOSE WHO REJECT CHRIST**: Jesus makes evil men in context will be held accountable for every word and thus eternally condemned (36-37)