# Questions You Have Asked

# What Does It Mean To Blaspheme God And The Holy Ghost?

#### **Proof Text**

#### Matthew 12:31-32

31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

# I. Ministry Of The Son Of God

A. To do the work of God

John 4:34

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

**John 9:4** 

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

B. Man's blasphemy against Christ is forgiven

**Luke 23:34** 

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

# II. Ministry Of The Holy Spirit

A. To guide to God's truth

John 16:13

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

**B.** To testify of Christ

John 15:26

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

# II. Ministry Of The Holy Spirit

C. To draw people to God

John 6:44

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

D. To quicken believers

**John 3:5** 

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

John 6:63

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

# III. Blasphemy Against The Holy Spirit

#### **Unbelief**

1 Timothy 1:13

Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

# Did Saul Actually Talk To Samuel's Spirit After Samuel Had Died?

Is Saul In Heaven?

## 1 Samuel 28:1-21

- 1 And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men.
- 2 And David said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.

- 3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.
- 4 And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa.
- 5 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.
- 6 And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the Lord answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.

- 7 Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.
- 8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee.
- 9 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

- 10 And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.
- 11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.
- 12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul.
- 13 And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.

14 And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself. 15 And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.

- 16 Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?
- 17 And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David:
- 18 Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.
- 19 Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

- 20 Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.
- 21 And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me.

# The Case For Not Being Samuel

- A. God had stopped talking to Saul (28:6)
- B. Saul was seeking God's guidance through a medium which was forbidden (28:7)
- **Deuteronomy 18:10-12**
- 10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch.
- 11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.
- 12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

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- C. Saul perceived it was Samuel (28:14)
- **2 Corinthians 11:14-15**
- 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.
- 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

#### D. Demons know truth

**Matthew 8:29** 

And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

#### **The Case For Not Being Samuel**

- E. Eternal destination for Saul is not the same as Samuel (Not Saved)
  - 1. Directly disobeyed God regarding the Amalekites (1 Samuel 15:1–35)
  - 2. Broke God's law by offering a sacrifice (1 Samuel 13:1–14)
  - 3. Spirit of the Lord taken away and was visited by evil spirits (1 Samuel 16:14; 18:10; 19:9)
  - 4. Tried to murder David on multiple occasions (1 Samuel 18:10; 19:10; 23:14)
  - 5. Tried to murder his son Jonathan (1 Samuel 20:33)
  - 6. Ordered eighty-five priests and families killed in Nob (1 Samuel 22:18–19)

# Is The Troubling Of The Waters = Salvation And The Holy Spirit?

No

**John 5:4** 

For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

- A. Angel identified, not the Holy Spirit
- B. Physical healing, not salvation