"Signs of the Times" The 'unpardonable sin' continued
Matthew 12:31-50; John 3:18, 36; Ephesians 2:8-9
There is only one propitiatory or satisfactory sacrifice for sin as far as God the Father is concerned and it's Jesus Christ on the Cross bearing all our sins through His substitutionary spiritual death sacrifice which is the only solution to man's sin problem.
Stephen compared the Exodus generation who refused to believe the written Word of God with his generation led by the Sanhedrin who refused to believe in the Living Word of God, the Lord Jesus Christ.
The author of Hebrews wants his audience to form a conclusion; If a person dies physically by capital punishment for a violation of the Mosaic law; how much greater should the punishment be, that God will give the person who rejects Jesus Christ as his Savior?
The initial act of vomiting here in 2nd Peter 2:22 is a regurgitation or rejection of false doctrine and the return to the vomit is the acceptance of the false doctrine.
Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit is rejection of the Gospel here and these people who are working for Satan cannot help but reject the Gospel because the grace Gospel of God offends them.
When people respond to the Gospel, they are responding to the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
Many people spoke against Him and to speak against Jesus Christ is one thing but when you face the issue head on and reject Him as Savior; that's blasphemy of the Holy Spirit because it's the ministry of the Spirit to make an issue out of the salvation work of Jesus Christ.
It's biblical truth that is stored up in a good man; it's his treasure because Bible doctrine is the most valuable thing in the world but the most valuable thing to an unbeliever
is his evil; that's his cherished treasure.
An empty word is any statement promoting salvation by works and any maligning of the Holy Spirit by rejecting the Gospel; it's therefore, any system of religious legalism that's devoid of any true value.
Notice our Lord's point here: In the mind of God, what is written in the Bible is much stronger than any miracle.
The Pharisees are constantly seeking after a new sign and yet they've rejected every possible type of sign that has ever been given to them.
And when Jonah finally went to Nineveh, there was a great revival and thousands of Assyrians accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and they're going to stand in resurrection bodies just like Jesus and live with Him forever but as for these self-righteous, religious Jews; they are going to spend eternity in the Lake of Fire.
The Queen of Sheba made an incredibly long journey to seek God's wisdom, biblical truth and here are the Jews facing the personification of biblical truth
in the Person of Jesus Christ.
So, they have this system of self-righteousness and it's even polished to look very attractive and later, they will be called by Jesus; whitewashed tombstones with a beautiful outer righteousness but inside they're full of dead men's rotted bones.
At this point, Jesus sets aside family relationships for eternal relationships; so, when He says who are My brothers? He's saying, with whom will I be related forever?
And Jesus is saying once again to the Pharisees, "You are privileged aristocrats due to your family relationships, you were born into social royalty but My true aristocracy is made up from a regeneration experience only."