

**Sermon Notes - May 9, 2022**  
**Mt.12.22-32 - "Davidic or Demonic?"#168**  
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By nature, God is forgiving:

Israel's history is a history of God's forgiveness.

The New Testament pictures God as the God of forgiveness.

\*No matter how severe the sin, God can forgive it.

✚ The degree of sin does not forfeit forgiveness, because even killing the Son of God was forgivable.

✚ The volume of sin does not end the possibility of mercy.

✚ The particular kind of sin does not cancel grace.

Before salvation everyone, to some degree, is a Christ rejecter.

There is no forgiveness of even the smallest sin unless it is confessed & repented of;

\* There is forgiveness of even the greatest sin if divine conditions are met.

### **I. THE ACTIVITY v.22**

This healing demonstrated in one act Jesus' dominion over two worlds.

Jesus was a Man of compassion, gentleness, & humility.

Jesus seems to be forcing them to make their verdict public.

### **II. TOTALLY ASTOUNDED v.23**

They recognized such miracles as possible messianic signs.

### **III. A FOOLISH ACCUSATION v.24**

Their intent was to poison the minds of the people against Jesus.

### **IV. A DIRECT ANSWER vv.25–30**

They would not confront Him - but He confronted them directly with:

- its absurdity,
- its prejudice, &
- its rebelliousness.

#### **(1) THE ACCUSATION WAS ABSURD vv.25b–26**

Satan is too smart to use his own power against his own kingdom.

Outside of the Trinity, Satan is the most intelligent being in existence.

There can be no true harmony within or among evil beings.

God is the Lord of order & harmony.

Satan is the lord of disorder & chaos.

\*The supreme deceiver is supremely self-deceived.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Satan tolerates no disobedience or division – Therefore it is \_\_\_\_\_