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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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BLASPHEMY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Part 1)

Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit or “blasphemy against the Holy Spirit” seems to be a subject that is somewhat elusive to most of God’s children. Over the years I have had several requests to explain the matter. Much of the interest seems to be concerning an attached title to the passage in Matthew twelve and Mark three, i.e., “The Unpardonable Sin.” The term “unpardonable,” is not used here, nor is it ever used anywhere in the King James translation of the Bible. Several have either written or verbally taught that one cannot blaspheme against the Holy Spirit today, as the context of Matthew 12:22-32, and any future implications are relegated to the time frame of the pre-church era. Specifically that the Pharisees were guilty of this by their statement: *"This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."* This they claim is the sin of “blasphemy against the Holy Ghost” (Gus Nichols, Lectures On The Holy Spirit, p. 233). This, however is not the case. Toward this end, that is proving this to be incorrect, is the task ahead.

We must begin our approach to this study by expanding the context of consideration to the totality of the topic, that is, Matthew 12:22-36. Jesus had just healed one who had been possessed with a demon that caused him to be both blind and mute. Observing the result of the healing caused the crowds to remark with amazement, “Is not this the son of David.” This statement was indicative of the lineage that Jesus bore but also it was a statement that infuriated the Pharisees, for it brought respect and admiration to Jesus. Remember also, sons of David had been Kings!

Paul

Elders Corner:

Talents and Ability

Matthew 25:14-15 (KJV) states: “*14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.*”

The master's goods represent his property or possessions, and the talents represent the varying amount of goods entrusted to his servants. Each servant received a different amount of talents because each servant's ability to use the talents was different. Strong's Greek Dictionary indicates that the servant's ability represents his strength or power to develop or increase the talents given him.

According to verse 14, the principles of stewardship apply to the kingdom or church in the same way they apply to the worldly master's servants. Therefore, this ability to use talents is not something specially reserved for Christians. God entrusts everyone with an appropriate amount of goods according to their God given ability.

In order to be good stewards, we must develop our talents to the best of our ability. Furthermore, we must use them in harmony with God's will. It's important to remember that good stewards will one day hear the words: “Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord.”

Read the New Testament in the Year 2008

April 21 - Luke 16
April 22 - Luke 17:1-19
April 23 - Luke 17:20-37
April 24 - Luke 18:1-23



April 25 - Luke 18:24-43
April 26 - Luke 19:1-27
April 27 - Luke 19:28-48



Bob Plunk underwent heart catheterization surgery this past Wednesday. He is at home recuperating.

Rick Clemmons is doing well in his recovery from his recent surgery.

Dot Reeves remains in the Clemmons Nursing and Rehab Center, Room 316.

Ernestine Martin is doing well in her recovery from recent surgery.

Randy Warner's brother-in-law, **David Sisson**, recently had a stint installed in his spinal column and is having some problems resulting.

Remember **Barry Sheets** who is in serious condition in the Intensive Care Unit at the Baptist Hospital.



Tim Stanley (friend of the Cooper family), **Barry Sheets**, Keri Woodbury's uncle, **Bahnsen & Nellie Kathryn Dorse**, **Don Jackson**, **Mary Rackley**, **Meredith Everett**, **Elwood Flinchum**, **Kelly Haynes** (Karen Clemmons' cousin), **Michael Koerth** (Rick Clemmons' uncle), **Sonia Vizcaino's mother**, **Stella Ybarra** (Jennifer Robinson's grandmother), **Cindy Byrd** (Joe Byrd's mother), **Gladys Bobbitt** (Emily Workman's Grandmother), **Lois Watkins**, **Libby Bryant** (Lorie Rose's friend's mother) **Ed Matthews** (Carolyn Minor's cousin) **Ronnie Seats** (Kenny Brown's stepfather) **Ray Wood**, **Jim and Gladys Harper**, **Nita Kirkland** (Ellen Wingo's mother), **Jim Warner**, **Elmer Laudenslager**, **Dot Reeves**, **Johnsie Moser**, **Nelle Harper**, **Nora Holder**, **Hilda Hauser**, **Earl Knost**, **Sonja Meals**.

Also:

** the leaders of our country and all those who serve.*

NCSBS CLASSES

A sign-up sheet has been posted for the new classes being offered to anyone wishing to attend the North Carolina School of Biblical Studies.



WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO REMAIN FOR A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAL TO BE HELD IN THE ANNEX FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. THE MEAL IS PROVIDED THIS MORNING BY ZONE 3.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

~**April 21 - Preachers/Leaders Mtg.** following morning worship service.

~**April 22 - Sewing for Nicaragua** - 9 a.m.

~**April 22 - Youth Devotional.**

~**May 17-18 - Senior Rally** - see bulletin board for details.

AREA EVENTS

~**April 20-23 - Gospel Meeting** at the Lexington church of Christ. See bulletin board for information.

~**April 26 - Senior Citizen Banquet** at Linville Forest. Sign-up sheet and information on bulletin board.

~**May 3 - Rutherford church of Christ 3rd Annual Lectureship** See bulletin board for further information regarding the above listed area events.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday - April 13, 2008

Sunday Bible Study 136

Sunday Morning Worship 207

Contribution for April 13, 2008 \$6,286

Daily Adult Bible Readers: 32

Chapters Read: 730

Daily Children Bible Readers: 3

Chapters Read: 3

Sunday Evening 133

Wed. Evening Bible Study 4-13-08 124

LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS - APRIL 27, 2008

DEVOTIONS:		OPENING PRAYER:		SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS:
Scripture	Kenny Brown	Morning	Don Minor	A.M. - Jason Allen	A.M. -Gray Nail
Song Leader	Paul Kirkpatrick	Evening	Ryan Pickens	P.M. - Don Minor	P.M. -Jack Piper
Prayer	Clarence Sheets			Wed. - Joe Everett	
				Song Request Service	

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):		NURSERY (2 1/2-4):		TAPE MONITOR:	FELLOWSHIP MEAL:
Morning	Sandy Warner	Morning	Abby Little	Randy Warner	Zone 4
Evening	Gaye Carothers	Evening	Nancy Minor		

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday	- April 27	Brad Hoots
Wednesday	- April 30	Brad Hoots

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes	10:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:50 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: Mid-Week Service 7:00 PM

- *Nursery open for small children during all services.*

SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

Warners Chapel Website: <http://www.warnerschapelchurchofchrist.org>.

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ELDERS

Steve Martin
David Moore
Tim Allen
Joe Everett

DEACONS

Steve Tesh
Randy Warner
Tommy Rose
Keith Warner

Andy Santiago
Mark Minor
Todd Hinson