

## John 16:8-24

**8-11.** And when He has come, **He will CONVICT the WORLD of SIN**, and of **righteousness**, and of **judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me**; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment because **the ruler of this world is judged**.

- **Acts 7:51** "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_! You always \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_; as your fathers did, so do you."
- **Psalms 9:7-8** "But the \_\_\_\_\_ shall endure forever; He has prepared His \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_. He shall \_\_\_\_\_ the world in \_\_\_\_\_, and He shall administer \_\_\_\_\_ for the peoples in uprightness."

**Definition: "He will CONVICT the WORLD of SIN"** - Jesus says that the Holy Spirit will convict (convince, persuade) the world of sin, and that their primary sin is **"because they do not believe in Me"**. In Acts 7:51 we see that those who are **REJECTING Jesus Christ** are **RESISTING the Holy Spirit** and **the Spirit's CONVICTING work in their hearts**. The Holy Spirit is always working on the hearts of men, women and children to bring them to faith in Jesus Christ. However, many people are **so stubborn and full of pride** ("stiff-necked"), have such hardened hearts, and turn a deaf ear to the message, so that they never believe.

- **Matthew 12:31-32** "Therefore I say to you, every \_\_\_\_\_ and blasphemy will be \_\_\_\_\_ men, but the blasphemy against the \_\_\_\_\_ will not be forgiven men. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come."
- **II Thessalonians 1:5 & 7-8** "Which is manifest evidence of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer." "And to give to you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ is revealed from \_\_\_\_\_ with His mighty \_\_\_\_\_, in flaming fire taking \_\_\_\_\_ on those who do not \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Christ."

**Definition: "The BLASPHEMY against the SPIRIT will not be FORGIVEN"** - "Blasphemy" means **insulting or showing contempt for God**. However, the "blasphemy against the Spirit" in Matthew 12:31-32 is very specific: the Pharisees had attributed Jesus' miracles to the power of Satan instead of God (Matt. 12:22-28). Jesus said that He cast out demons by **the Spirit of God** (vs. 28) (see also Acts 10:38), but the Pharisees said it was the power of Satan (Beelzebub). Jesus then says in verse 37, "For by your words you will be justified, and **by your words you will be CONDEMNED**." The Pharisees will stand before the Judgment seat of God one day and will have to listen to **their own words** as they are condemned to hell **for NOT believing in Jesus**. In fact, Jesus says He is the one to whom all judgment is given, so they will stand before the very One they rejected on earth. But why is it that blasphemy against **the Holy Spirit in particular** is unforgivable? Because it is the **Holy Spirit who CONVICTS men in their HEARTS** of the truth about Jesus, and to ignore or reject that convicting means there is **no other chance, no other WAY** for a person to believe and be saved (John 14:6, Heb. 10:29). Since **ALL other SINS are FORGIVEN** when you accept Jesus as your Savior, then **the sin of HARDENING your HEART against the convicting of the Holy Spirit** (and thus rejecting that forgiveness through Jesus) has no way of being forgiven.

- **Hebrews 3:7** "Therefore, as the \_\_\_\_\_ says, 'Today, if you will hear His \_\_\_\_\_, do not \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ as in the \_\_\_\_\_, in the day of trial in the wilderness.'"
- **I Thessalonians 1:5** "For our \_\_\_\_\_ did not come to you in word only, but also in \_\_\_\_\_, and in the \_\_\_\_\_ and in much \_\_\_\_\_, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake."

**Definition: "He will CONVICT the WORLD of RIGHTEOUSNESS and JUDGMENT"** - Jesus said, "I go to My Father and **you see Me no more.**" This means that Jesus is the perfect example of God's righteousness, and they looked right in His face, but still rejected Him. **Jesus' life is the "standard" of righteousness** that a person must achieve in order to be saved. No one can achieve that degree of perfect righteousness on their own, so unless you accept it by faith, and **God "makes you righteous"** by your faith in Jesus, you will never be righteous enough. The Holy Spirit will convict "of judgment because **the ruler of this world is judged.**" The ruler of this world is Satan, and he has been judged, and is basically on "death row" until the sentence is carried out (see Colossians 2:15, Revelation 20:1-10).

- **II Corinthians 5:21** "For He made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in \_\_\_\_\_."
- **I Corinthians 1:30-31** "But of Him you are in \_\_\_\_\_, who \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom from God - and \_\_\_\_\_ and sanctification and redemption - that, as it is written, 'He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.'"

**12-15. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot BEAR them NOW.** However, when He, **the SPIRIT of TRUTH**, has come, **He will GUIDE you into all TRUTH;** for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. **He will glorify Me**, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

- **John 15:26** "But when the \_\_\_\_\_ comes, whom I shall \_\_\_\_\_ to you from the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ who proceeds from the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ of Me."

**Definition: "You cannot BEAR them NOW"** - The reason the disciples could not "bear" or understand all that Jesus had to tell them was because they did not yet have the Holy Spirit to **"GUIDE them into all TRUTH."** After Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came to live in them, and in all Believers, they were able to **understand all of Jesus' teachings** that they could not understand before.

- **John 14:26** "But the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, whom the Father will send in My name, He will \_\_\_\_\_ you all things, and bring to your \_\_\_\_\_ all things that I \_\_\_\_\_ to you."

**16-19. "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me,** because I go to the Father." Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me,' and, '**because I go to the Father**'?" They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? **We DO NOT KNOW what He is saying.**" Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'?"

- **Mark 9:31-32** "For He \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ and said to them, 'The Son of Man is being delivered into the hands of men, and they will \_\_\_\_\_ Him. And after He is \_\_\_\_\_, He will \_\_\_\_\_ the third day.' But they did not \_\_\_\_\_ this saying, and were afraid to \_\_\_\_\_ Him."

**Definition: "A LITTLE WHILE, and YOU WILL NOT SEE ME"** - Jesus is referring to His upcoming death by crucifixion. The disciples will not "see" Jesus after He is crucified and buried in the tomb. Also, most of them will run away, desert Him, and will be scattered at the time of His crucifixion.

- **Zechariah 13:7** "Awake, O sword, against My \_\_\_\_\_, and against the \_\_\_\_\_ that is my fellow (equal), says the Lord of hosts; \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "And again a LITTLE WHILE, and YOU WILL SEE ME"** - Jesus is referring to His resurrection. Just three days after His death on the cross, **Jesus came OUT of the GRAVE alive!** He showed Himself to His disciples on that first day after He was resurrected, and for forty days afterwards, before He went up to heaven.

- **I Corinthians 15:3-6** "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that \_\_\_\_\_ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was \_\_\_\_\_, and that He \_\_\_\_\_ again the \_\_\_\_\_ day according to the Scriptures, and that He was \_\_\_\_\_ by Cephas (Peter), then by the twelve. After that He was \_\_\_\_\_ by over \_\_\_\_\_ brethren at once....."

**Definition: "Because I GO to the FATHER"** - Jesus had tried many times to teach His disciples that He came from the Father in heaven and was going back to the Father, but they could not understand Him. They had a preconceived idea that **the Messiah would set up His kingdom on earth**, and they certainly didn't think He would be killed - that interfered with their plans!

- **Matthew 16:21-22** "From that time Jesus began to \_\_\_\_\_ to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and \_\_\_\_\_ many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be \_\_\_\_\_, and be \_\_\_\_\_ again the third day. Then Peter took Him aside and began to \_\_\_\_\_ Him saying, 'Far be it from You, Lord; this shall \_\_\_\_\_ happen to You!'"
- **Acts 1:6-7 & 10-11** "Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, '\_\_\_\_\_, will You at this time \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to Israel?' And He said to them, 'It is not for you to \_\_\_\_\_ times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.'" "And while they looked steadfastly toward \_\_\_\_\_ as He went \_\_\_\_\_, behold, two men (angels) stood by them in white apparel, who also said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_? This same \_\_\_\_\_, who was \_\_\_\_\_ up from you into \_\_\_\_\_, will so \_\_\_\_\_ in like manner as you saw Him \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_.'"

**20-22.** Most assuredly, I say to you that **you will WEEP and LAMENT**, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but **your SORROW will be turned into JOY**. A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. Therefore you now have sorrow; but **I will see you again** and your heart will rejoice, and **your joy no one will take from you**.

- **Mark 16:10** "She went and told those who had been with \_\_\_\_\_, as they \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

- **Luke 23:27** "And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and \_\_\_\_\_ who also \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Him."
- **Isaiah 61:3** "To console those who \_\_\_\_\_ in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of \_\_\_\_\_ for mourning, the garment of \_\_\_\_\_ for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called the trees of righteousness, the planting of the \_\_\_\_\_, that He may be glorified."
- **Psalms 30:5** "For His anger is but for a \_\_\_\_\_, His favor is for \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ may endure for a night, but \_\_\_\_\_ comes in the morning."

**Definition: "Your JOY no one will TAKE from you"** - When the disciples truly understood **WHAT Jesus was DOING for them by His death and resurrection, and when YOU truly understand it**, no one can take away or affect the sheer JOY that knowledge brings! Jesus died on the cross to REDEEM and RANSOM us from the slave market of sin, He paid for the penalty of our sins so that we don't have to be punished for them. **Jesus SHED His precious BLOOD and sent us the Holy Spirit**, so that we could be cleansed from all our sins and be born again spiritually. **Jesus bought us back from Satan** and paid for our sins so that we could have a relationship with God for all eternity.

- **Isaiah 51:11** "So the redeemed (ransomed from SIN) of the Lord will return, and come with \_\_\_\_\_ shouting to Zion (the heavenly city); and everlasting \_\_\_\_\_ will be on their heads. They will obtain \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and sorrow and sighing will flee away."

**23-24.** And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, **whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you**. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, **that your joy may be full**.

- **I John 5:14** "Now this is the \_\_\_\_\_ which we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to \_\_\_\_\_, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_, we know that we have the petitions (prayers) that we have asked of Him."
- **John 14:13-14** "And \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ in My \_\_\_\_\_, that I will do, that the Father may be \_\_\_\_\_ in the Son. If you \_\_\_\_\_ anything in My name, I \_\_\_\_\_ it."
- **John 15:16** "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear \_\_\_\_\_, and that your \_\_\_\_\_ should remain, that \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ in My name, He may \_\_\_\_\_ you."

**Definition: "WHATEVER you ASK the FATHER in My NAME He will GIVE you"** - This is a **wonderful promise of God**, but we must be careful not to take it out of context, and also to compare it with other Scriptures. In I John 3:22, we are told that answers to prayer come to **those who are obedient to God**, and in I John 5:14, we see that it must also be something within **His will for us**. In John 14:13, Jesus says that **whatever we ask Him that will bring glory to the Father** will be answered, not selfish, foolish prayers that only fill our own desires.

- **I John 3:22** "And \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ from Him, because we \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ those things that are \_\_\_\_\_ in His sight."