Lesson 27

4/10/19

Blasphemy

The goal for this lesson is to define blasphemy & explain how we can be guilty of it today.

**Blasphemy: blapto "to injure" + pheme "speech" (Vine’s)**

**“The word *blasphemy* is practically confined to speech defamatory of the Divine Majesty.” (Vine’s)**

Synonyms: railing, reviling, speaking contemptuously or abusively, defaming, cursing

At least *five* different Hebrew words are translated “blasphemy” in the Old Testament.

Exodus 22:28, “You shall not revile God”

1) What does it mean to take God’s name in vain? Exodus 20:7; Deuteronomy 5:11

2) What type of blasphemy occurs in Leviticus 24:10-16?

How would you describe the son’s sin? Exodus 3:13-15

3) In Leviticus 19:12 God told the people, “You shall not swear by my name falsely”. What related law did Jesus give in Matthew 5:33-37? What are some examples of oaths that we could take today & how can we apply Jesus’ teaching to those situations?

4) According to the following passages, what was God’s motive for condemning blasphemy? What did He desire instead? Leviticus 22:31-33; Numbers 20:10-13

5) Read Numbers 15:27-31. Notice the contrast between the unintentional sin in verse 27 & the actions done with a “high hand” in verse 30. What was the consequence for the latter & what reason is given?

6) What warnings do we see in the New Testament regarding deliberate sin? How does this relate to blasphemy? Hebrews 10:26-27; Mark 3:28-29; I John 1:5-10

7) Of what were Jesus & Stephen accused? John 10:33; Matthew 26:57-66; Acts 6:8-15

8) What honor do we owe to Jesus’ name? How do we show this in our lives? Philippians 2:8-11

9) How can we be indirectly guilty of blasphemy like the Jews? Romans 2:24