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# **THE DANGER OF BLASPHEMY**

**FEBRUARY LIFE IN THE WORD SERIES:**

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**FOUNDATION SCRIPTURE**  
**II TIMOTHY 3:1-5**

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**II Timothy 3:1-5**, But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

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A close-up photograph of window blinds with warm, golden light filtering through them, creating a pattern of light and shadow. The blinds are slightly angled, and the light is soft and diffused.

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The Greek word “**Blasphemia,**” means a “**vilification against God.**” The act of saying or writing unpleasant things about someone or something, in order to cause people to have a bad opinion of them.

**TAKING GOD'S NAME  
IN VAIN MEANS TO USE  
IT IN A POINTLESS,  
CARELESS, OR EVEN IN  
AN ANGRY WAY.**



**THE BIBLE CALLS  
BLASPHEMY A SIN.**



**Colossians 3:8**, But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

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**Matthew 15:19-20**, For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adultery, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.

## ISAIAH 65:7

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I will repay you for your sins and for the sins of your ancestors," says the LORD. They burnt incense on the mountains and slandered (blaspheme) Me on the hills, so I will be the first to pay them back in full.

**IN EARLY OLD TESTAMENT  
DAYS, COMMITTING  
BLASPHEMY WAS  
PUNISHABLE BY DEATH.**

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**Leviticus 10:1-2**, Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane (blasphemous) fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. So, fire went out from the Lord and devoured them, and they died before the Lord.



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Perhaps the greatest  
disparaging of God's holy  
name is with the innocent-  
sounding and much used  
expression “**Oh my God!**”



**FIVE EXAMPLES OF  
BLASPHEMY:**

**1. TAKING THE LORD'S NAME IN VAIN.**

**EXODUS 20:7**

**2. DENYING GOD'S EXISTENCE.**

**PSALM 14:1**

**3. COMMITTING IDOLATRY.**

**PSALM 81:9**

**4. ADDING TO, OR TAKING AWAY FROM GOD'S WORD.  
REVELATION 22:18-19**

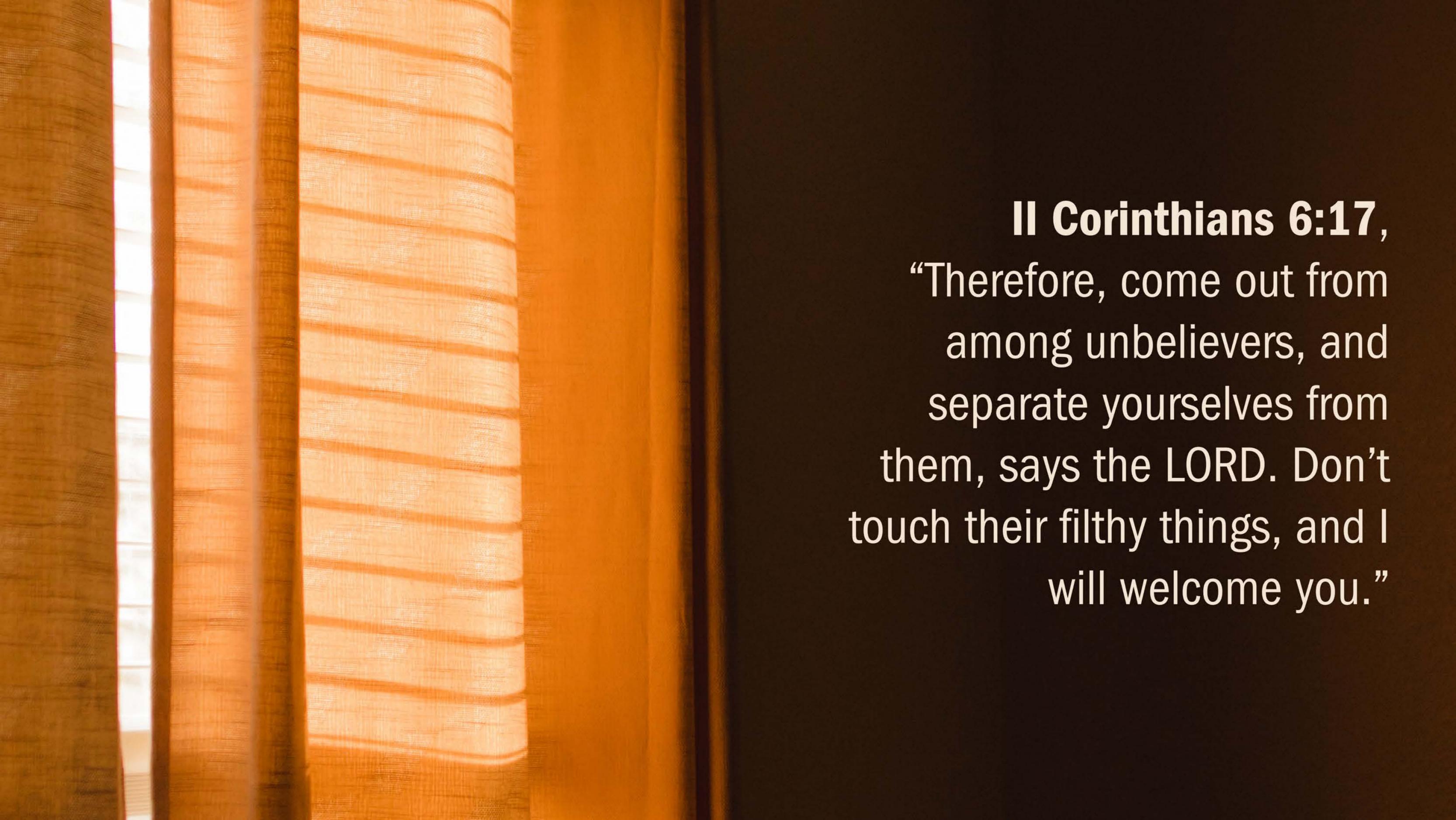
**5. PRACTICING ASTROLOGY, USING , OR GIVING ANY  
CREATED THING (I.E. SUN, MOON, STARS) POWER  
THAT BELONGS TO GOD.**

**DEUTERONOMY 4:19**

**WARNING:**  
**BE CAREFUL HOW YOU LIVE!**

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**II Samuel 12:14**, However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child who is born to you shall surely die.



**II Corinthians 6:17,**  
“Therefore, come out from  
among unbelievers, and  
separate yourselves from  
them, says the LORD. Don’t  
touch their filthy things, and I  
will welcome you.”

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**Romans 2:21-24**, You then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery?



You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?  
You who boast in the law dishonor God by  
breaking the law. For, as it is written, “The  
name of God is blasphemed among the  
Gentiles because of you.”

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**1 Timothy 6:1**, Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed.”

## TITUS 2:3-5

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The older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things. That they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the Word of God may not be blasphemed.



**BLASPHEMY CAN BE  
FORGIVEN.**

**Matthew 12:31-32**, So I tell you, every sin and blasphemy can be forgiven — except blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, which will never be forgiven. And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

A close-up photograph of window blinds. The blinds are partially open, allowing warm, golden light to filter through, creating a pattern of light and shadow. The background is dark, making the light from the blinds stand out.

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**Acts 26:11**, The Apostle Paul was a blasphemer and received forgiveness.

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**I Timothy 1:13-14**, Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

**PETER DISOWNS JESUS.**

**MATTHEW 26:69-75**

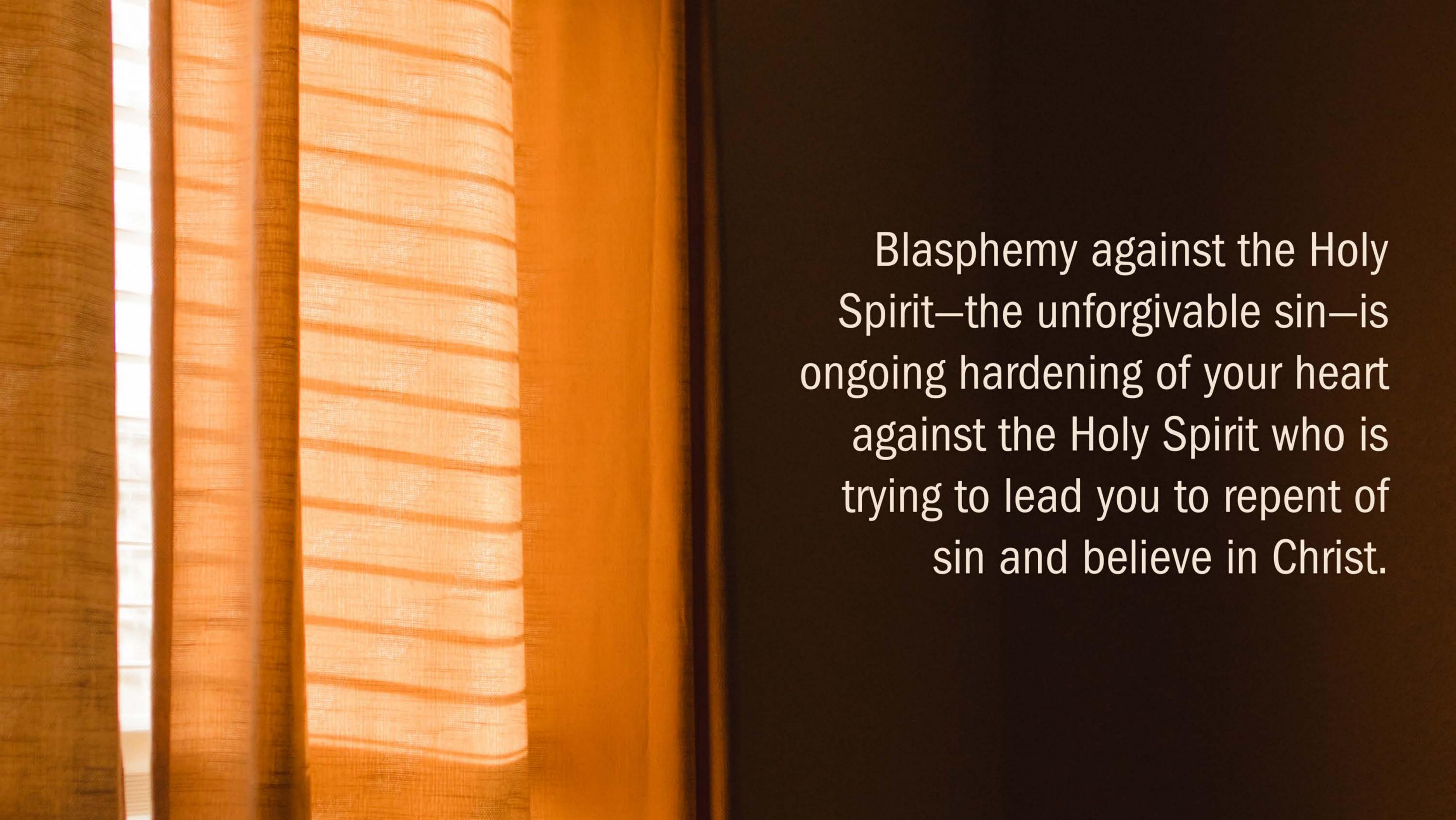


Jesus restores and reinstates him.

**John 21:15-17**



**BLASPHEMY AGAINST  
THE HOLY SPIRIT**



Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit—the unforgivable sin—is ongoing hardening of your heart against the Holy Spirit who is trying to lead you to repent of sin and believe in Christ.

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**Matthew 12:24-37**, Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is not a misspoken word; it is a permanent rejection of the truth that Jesus is the Son of God.



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**Luke 12:8-10**, And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God; but he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God. And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him.”



**“WE MISREPRESENT GOD WHEN WE  
WEAR HIS NAME BUT NOT HIS CHARACTER.”**

## **Follow Up Chat Questions:**

1. How would you define blasphemy?
2. Why does God call blasphemy a sin?
3. Can you give some examples of blasphemy.
4. Why is it important to live holy?
5. In what way was the Apostle Paul a blasphem
6. What is the "unforgiveable sin?" Explain.
7. How can you apply this lesson to your spiritual life?