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A Sin Unto Death

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V. 16: PRAYER FOR SIN WHICH IS NOT UNTO DEATH.

1. There is more than 1 kind of sin.
2. Some sins, states of sin, attitudes toward sin are worse than others.
3. Reaction to these DIFFERENT kinds of sin are different—by God's direction!
4. What is a sin not unto death?


A thoughtless, rash, impetuous sin—Ignorant REPTANCE is possible & probable! PRAY!

* I Tim. 2:1-5. ONE EXCEPTION? NEXT:

16b: PRAY NOT FOR ONE SINNING UNTO DEATH. No HOPE!

1. This is a sin which is committed by BROTHER
2. Believe it has to do with blasphemy; or a STATE of irreverence & blatant disobedience

*Matt. 12:31-34. Rejected last provision.

*Heb. 6:4-6... Apostate who is incorrigible & un-approachable!!! Don't waste YOUR breath or MY time!!!!

(Example: *Rom. 1: 24, 26, 28.) Don't pray.


2nd term: There is HOWEVER, sin or a sin, which God WILL not and CANNOT forgive. This sin is UNTO death! Minor.

3rd term or Conclusion: The sin which God WILL not and CANNOT forgive is any sin which man will not repent of and confess!!!

SOME: I can't stop praying!!! HOPE!!

ILL. Like parent: turning belligerent child loose. Prodigal son. Pasadena mother: "I never could!" GOD DID! Same with an incorrigible brother. Let Satan have him for awhile—and sadly maybe forever!!!
V. 17: Definition of Sin. All un-god-like-ness. God is: pure, clean, honest, loving--good!!


V. 19: We KNOW we are children of God! The evil world around us lies in wickedness. J. 17:15 BLESSED ASSURANCE!!!! Then! Why not now??

V. 20: WE KNOW-

Jesus has come. John 3:16.

V. 21: Keep yourselves from idols!

Idolatry was everywhere in the world then! Temptation to be like everyone else?? To turn to PAGAMISM was to turn to the sin which was UNTO DEATH!! Incorrigible!!

INV: PAGANISM an ugly problem among us today:

1. Some pay more attention to other PERSONS, than to God. Idol:is a human being!! Sin.

2. Some pay more attention to PROPERTY and/or possessions than to God. Matt. 22:37! Keeps them from worship to God. Then, worshipping something else!

3. Some pay more attention to personal PLEASURES than to the needs of lost-souls or the aching-heart of God! Idol is the god-of-pleasure! Sin. Unto death!

SAMARITAN PAGAN:: Acts 8:22.