

Blasphemy Research: Conclusion

The following definition was received as an impartation/revelation:

- “To overshadow or reduce the majesty of God in speech, action or attitude”

This covers all the instances where the OT refers to blasphemy, as well as the NT instances.

Now, answering these questions:

1. Is there any difference between blasphemy and taking the Lord's name in vain? - Yes, there is a difference in that blasphemy is a category of what has happened, while taking the Lord's name in vain is an action (an example of blasphemy).
2. How do we check that we don't blaspheme? – We must know in our spirit what blasphemy is and ensure that we repent if and when we do it. It is covered by the Blood so we are safe.
3. How to we respond to others who blaspheme? – It is our decision how we respond. We must not do it religiously. We must ask Holy Spirit what we are to do or say in these circumstances. Remember: Sinners sin. It's there nature and we aren't to force them to adhere to spiritual standards.
4. What really is “blasphemy against the Holy Spirit”? – This we can't answer. Jesus never elaborated for us. We must operate out of faith and follow Holy Spirit so we don't 'cross the line'. We should not do so if we love the Lord with all our heart and understand the Kingdom realm.

REPEATING: This challenge was given to everyone to investigate. It's not up to me to check and correct what we are told from the pulpit – every believer is responsible. None of us will be able to say to the Judge on the day of Judgement, “It's not my fault! I wasn't taught the truth.” Like the Bereans¹ we are to check everything. This is done through Bible research and more importantly by discernment (i.e. What does the Spirit say to you about what you just heard/read?) In fact, as Kingdom citizens and sons, our responsibility is to ask Holy Spirit questions so we know what to believe.² Remember, Holy Spirit is our teacher³ (according to our King) not church leaders or TV preachers, and not even the Bible.

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1 – Acts 17:10-11

2 – This is what CCOP does (canberraforerunners.org/?page_id=4940)

3 – John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 2:13 (Luke 12:11-12)