

AA36. Not Blaspheming.

We are not to blaspheme.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 12:31-32

Because of this, I tell you that people will be forgiven any sin and blasphemy, but blaspheming the Ruach HaKodesh will not be forgiven. One can say something against the Son of Man and be forgiven; but whoever keeps on speaking against the Ruach HaKodesh will never be forgiven, neither in the 'olam hazeh nor in the 'olam haba. ..

1 Timothy 1:12-13

.. and I thank the one who has given me strength, the Messiah Yeshua, our Lord, that he considered me trustworthy enough to put me in his service, even though I used to be a man who blasphemed and persecuted and was arrogant! But I received mercy because I had acted in unbelief, not understanding what I was doing.

1 Timothy 1:19-20

.. By rejecting conscience, some have made shipwreck of their trust; among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander. I have turned them over to the Adversary, so that they will learn not to insult [blaspheme] God.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Mark 3:28-30

Luke 12:8-10

Revelation 13:4-8

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AB12 Not Blaspheming against the Holy Spirit

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Exodus 22:27(28)

You are not to curse God, and you are not to curse a leader of your people.

Leviticus 24:14-16

Take the man who cursed [God] outside the camp, have everyone who heard him lay their hands on his head, and have the entire community stone him. Then tell the people of Isra'el, 'Whoever curses his God will bear the consequences of his sin; and whoever blasphemes the name of

ADONAI must be put to death; the entire community must stone him. The foreigner as well as the citizen is to be put to death if he blasphemes the Name.

Comment

Blasphemy is speaking profanely, disrespectfully, irreverently or in an insulting manner about God or something sacred. Yeshua was accused of blasphemy by the *Cohen haGadol* in Matthew 26:64-65 when Yeshua identified with God and said: *“But I tell you that one day you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of HaG'vurah and coming on the clouds of heaven.”* Also John 10:33: *“The Judeans replied, “We are not stoning you for any good deed, but for blasphemy- because you, who are only a man, are making yourself out to be God.”*

This *Mitzvah* #AA36 includes not blaspheming against the Holy Spirit among other sacred entities. Nevertheless, blaspheming against the Holy Spirit is special because Matthew 12:31-32 tells us that it is the only blasphemy that is unforgiveable. It is therefore listed and dealt with separately in *Mitzvah* #AB12.

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