

**Pay Attention to the Holy Spirit**    Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time    Saturday,  
October 21, 2017    8:15 AM    Rom 4:13, 16-18;    **Lk 12:8-12**    BVM    (The Holy Spirit  
is an inward being, teacher, force, presence, influence.)

**“Everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.”**

Sometimes the phrase “Son of Man” is used as a personal reference in what grammarians call the third person. So **Jesus is really talking about himself when he says the Son of Man, but he is talking in the third person.** He could have put it this way: everyone who speaks a word against me will be forgiven. That would have the same basic meaning.

So Jesus is the incarnation of the Word of God. But the incarnation of the Word of God does take place at a certain time in a certain place in a certain way. He was a Jew and a male Jew; he was not gentile or female. He was born at a certain time, not at another one. This particularity could escape the notice of someone who might be actually sincere, well-meaning. **So there are especially among Jews sincere, well-meaning people worshiping God, but not believing that Jesus is from God.**

But on the other hand he says, “The one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven,” because the Holy Spirit is the one who speaks to our hearts. At the end it says, “The Holy Spirit will teach you at that moment what you should say.” **The Holy Spirit is an inward being, teacher, force, presence, influence. And if we blaspheme that, we cannot be forgiven, because that is the most perfect connection we can have to God.** And to blaspheme that is to push God out of one’s life. **So this is very important that we pay attention to what the Holy Spirit says.** It is unfortunately a human possibility that we get so caught up with something else besides listening to God inside of us, our so-called convictions, and so on and so on, and training and traditions and everything else, we might not listen. This would be very dangerous.