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## An Exposition of the Book of Mark



### Severity of Sin & Horrors of Hell

Mark 9:42-50

#### Overview

- **Sinless Savior Exposes the Severity of Sin**
  - It would be better if a Millstone was around your neck and you jumped in the sea, you cut off your hand or foot, or gouge out your eye than to be led into sin
    - Better to be maimed or die a terrible death than to sin
    - Hyperbole used to point to the severity of sin
  - Our sin is far worse than we realize, God is more Holy than we than we think, therefore the consequences to those sin are worse than we might first think
  - Our sin is worse than we realize when we consider that Christ had to come, suffer, and die for that sin, receiving the wrath that was due to fall on us
    - In this we find the definition of love
    - In this we see the severity of our sin
    - In this we see the consequences to those sins must be awful
  
- **Hell is horrific because God is Holy**
  - When reading of these horrific things and reading from Jesus that it is BETTER that these things happen than sin and be thrown into unquenchable fires of hell we are struck with the Gentle Jesus and the Judgmental Jesus (we must have both)
  - God is Holy, if He compromises His Holiness He is no longer Holy, if He is no longer Holy, He is no longer a God worth serving
    - In order to be with God we must be Holy
    - God cannot be neutral towards our sin, so He must act to have us be w. Him
    - Thus the need for a Holy and Sinless Jesus as well as a Jesus the man to rescue us
  - God is Eternally and Infinitely Holy, therefore our sin against Him must have a punishment that is in keeping with who we have offended
    - If not, He is not Just, if not Just, not a God worth serving
    - Our sin has offended a Infinitely and Eternally Holy God
    - The punishment of sin is going to be awful
  - Christ received the wrath of God for those that believe as their substitute
    - Though we didn't deserve it, the Sinless Savior received God's wrath for us
  - For those who don't believe in Christ the wrath of God remains on them (Jhn 3.36)
    - That wrath is "unquenching" in the place of Hell
    - There will be absent the relational presence of God
    - There will be nothing good, and darkness, weeping and gnashing of teeth
  - For those that trust Christ they will be free from the fires of Hell

- Those Christians should have salty lives that are at peace with one another

### Questions

1. When we think about sin, do we often consider it as weighty as Jesus does here? How serious is sin and why?
2. From this chapter alone, how can we see how serious sin is?
3. How do we rectify the “Gentle” Jesus and the “Judgmental” Jesus? How do we have a God of love and a God of wrath? How must these things go together? What happens if they weren’t together?
4. What are some things images the Bible uses to talk about Hell?
5. Why must it be so terrible?
6. How does the Gospel become more beautiful when considering the realities of Hell?
7. How does this motivate you to be at peace with one another?
8. How does this motivate you to go after those apart from Christ?