

Mark 9:43-50 The Risk of Stumbling Into Hell

Mark's Flow of Thought

Last time: 9:42 %Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to **stumble** +

This time: 9:43 %your hand causes you to **stumble** +

9:45 %your foot causes you to **stumble** +

9:47 %your eye causes you to **stumble** +

9:49 **Everyone will be salted with fire**

9:50 %have salt in yourselves, and **be at peace with one another.**

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Everlasting Life Is Worth Any Sacrifice!

Mark 9:43, 45, 47-48 If your **hand** causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to **enter life** crippled, than, having your two hands, to go **into hell**, into the **unquenchable fire** %your **foot** causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to **enter life** lame, than, having your two feet, to be cast **into hell**, %your **eye** causes you to stumble, throw it out; it is better for you to **enter the kingdom of God** with one eye, than, having two eyes, to be cast **into hell**, where their **worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.**

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How Do We Interpret This?

► **Literally:** You should cut out your eye!
Colossians 2:23 These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and **severe treatment of the body**, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence.

Mark 7:21 For **from within**, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries +

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How Do We Interpret This?

- **Overstatement:** Radical abandonment of this world and obedience to Christ is necessary for the sake of the kingdom!

10:21 . Renunciation of possessions (if need be)

10:28f. . Abandonment of family (if need be)

8:34f. . Renunciation even of life itself! (if need be)

Matthew 7:21 Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he who does the will of My Father** who is in heaven will enter

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The Risk In Becoming Like The World

Mark 9:49 For everyone will be **salted with fire**.

Mark 9:50 Salt is good; but if the salt becomes unsalty, with what will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and **be at peace with one another**.

Leviticus 2:13 Every grain offering of yours, moreover, you shall season with salt, so that the salt of the covenant of your God shall not be lacking from your grain offering; with **all your offerings you shall offer salt**.

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Applications

1. We must believe that Hell is real and that being saved from God's judgment is the most relevant and important problem facing every person.
2. We must learn to be dead to this world and alive to Christ!

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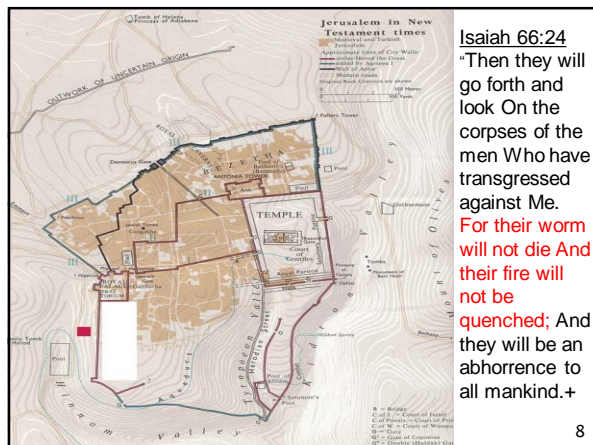
1. Hell Is Real And Should Be Feared

Mark 9:47 ~~W~~ your eye causes you to stumble, throw it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than, having two eyes, to be cast **into hell**

- ▶ Hell = Gehenna - ~~G~~e-Hinnom+~~W~~alley of Hinnom+
- ▶ Hell is not Hades!

Revelation 20:14 ~~o~~ death and **Hades** were thrown into **the lake of fire**. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

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1. Hell Is Real And Should Be Feared

- ▶ **Hell is everlasting:** 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of **eternal destruction**, away from the presence of the Lord

Daniel 12:2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and **everlasting contempt**.

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1. Hell Is Real And Should Be Feared

- ▶ **Hell is Just:** Psalm 89:14a **Righteousness** and **justice** are the foundation of Your throne
- ▶ **Hell Is Unavoidable without Christ:**
Revelation 20:15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, **he was thrown into the lake of fire.**
- ▶ **The Only Way Out:** Romans 3:24-25a **justified** as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a **propitiation** in His blood through faith.

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2. Dead To This World – Alive To Christ!

Colossians 3:1-5 Therefore **if you have been raised up with Christ**, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. **For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.** When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. **Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead** to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

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2. Dead This World – Alive To Christ!

Mark 9:34 they kept silent, for on the way they had discussed with one another **which of them was the greatest.**

Mark 9:50 Have salt in yourselves, and **be at peace with one another.**

Philippians 2:3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind **regard one another as more important than yourselves**

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