

***STUDIES
IN
MARK***



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LESSON 35

MARK 9:38-50

REVIEW:

Fill in the blanks for what Jesus said in Mark 9:37.

“Whosoever shall _____ in my name,
receiveth _____ ; and whosoever _____ , receiveth
not (only) me, but _____ .”

READ MARK 9:38-41 and LUKE 9:49-50

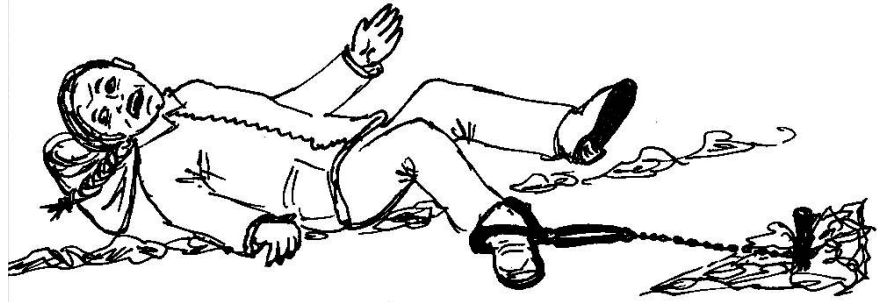
OFFENDING OTHERS

1. In verse 38, John told Jesus that the disciples had seen a man. What did John say the man was doing? _____ .
2. Whose name was the man using to do that? (verse 38) _____ .
3. John said the disciples forbade him. Why did the disciples tell the man to stop casting out demons? (verse 38) Because he _____ .
(*Forbade means told him not to do something.*)
4. Was Jesus pleased with the disciples for stopping the man? (verse 39) _____ .
5. What did Jesus tell the disciples in verse 40? _____ .
6. The man used the name of Jesus and the power of Jesus to do miracles. Could he easily say anything bad about Jesus? (verse 39) _____ .
7. A reward is something we get for doing something good. Verse 41 tells us how we can get a reward. How can we get a reward? _____ .
8. If Jesus will reward us for doing a little thing like that in His name, how about the man who was casting out demons in Jesus name? Would he get a reward? _____ .
_____ . We need to be careful not to stop people working for God because they do not do the same as we do. **We do need to test their teaching to see if it is true by God’s Word, in everything.**

READ MARK 9:42-50

After Jesus finished talking to John in verses 38-41, He talked again about little ones that believe in Him.

Verse 37 should be read with verse 42. The Greek word for offend in verse 42 means to set a trap or a snare in a person's pathway. This would cause him to stumble or fall.



In verse 42, Jesus wanted us to know how very, very wicked it was to help a little one to fall into the devil's traps. (A "little one" can mean a little child who believes, and it can also mean a new Christian.) To make us know how bad that would be, Jesus uses picture talk, about a person who spoils the faith of a "little one." He talks about a millstone. The people in Jesus' day all knew about millstones. Some millstones were small enough for a woman to turn to grind grain into flour. (Matthew 24:41) There were bigger millstones for a man to turn. This was the work Samson had to do in jail. (Judges 16:21) The millstone Jesus was talking about in verse 42, was the biggest one of all. This heavy stone had to be turned by a donkey.

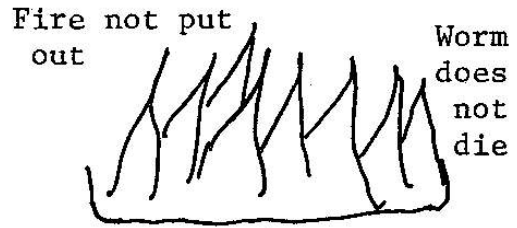
What would happen to a man if one of these great big millstones was tied to his neck, and he was thrown into the sea? . Jesus talked about the biggest millstone, and the deepest water. Jesus wanted them to know what a bad sin it was to hurt the faith of one of His little ones.

Jesus never told them to do that to anyone. He told them this story to make them afraid. He warned them that it is a terrible thing to hurt the faith of His children.

2. Jesus said in verse 42, that "whosoever shall one of these that it is better for him that a were about his , and he were into the ."

3. Three times in verse 43 to 48 Jesus tells us what hell is like. What does Jesus say hell is like:

“The _____ that never shall be
(put out), where their
dieth not (does not die), and the
_____ is not _____ (put out).”



4. What does Jesus say to do with the hand that offends us (causes us to sin) (verse 43)
5. What does Jesus say to do with a foot that causes us to sin? (verse 45)
6. What does Jesus say to do with an eye that leads us into sin? (verse 47)

Jesus says it is better to have only one hand, or to be lame, or to have only one eye than for us to go to the fires of hell that never go out, and to be eaten worms that never die.

Sometimes a doctor has to use a sharp knife to operate on a man. Maybe the man has a cancer, or a lung with T.B. The doctor has to cut out that sick part and destroy it so the man will not die. We need to let the Lord Jesus cut off the sins of our hands, our feet, our eyes, and destroy those sins, so we will not have to go to the lake of fire that God has got ready for the devil and his angels. (Matthew 25:41) We must get rid of what ever causes us to stumble. If we really cut off one hand or foot, we would still have one left to sin with. If we had two evil eyes, and made one blind, we would still have one eye let to sin with. It is the heart that makes the hand, or foot or eye sin. Jesus wants us to cut off the sins of our heart that make our body sin. Jesus wants us to give Him these sinful hearts. Then we will hate sin just like Jesus hates sin. Then we will not do bad with our hands or feet or eyes. Sin is very sinful and we must not let it control our bodies. Read Romans 6:11-13.

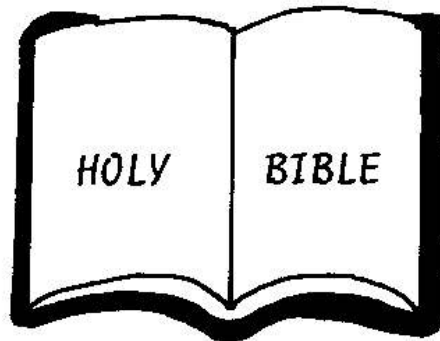
READ MARK 9:49,50

SALT

1. Jesus often talks about things we know well to teach us spiritual truths. In verses 49,50, Jesus teaches about salt. What is the most common use for salt?
2. What does Jesus say about salt in the first part of the verse 50?
3. Sometimes we put salt on fish or meat to keep it from rotting. When we have a sore finger the doctor may tell us to soak it in hot salty water. Salt kills germs. Salt has many good uses, but read what Jesus said about it in Matthew 5:13. He said when salt loses its savor (taste) it is
but to be _____ and to be trodden under foot (walked on).
4. In the last part of Mark 9:50 Jesus says we are to have salt in ourselves. When we do that, what else will we have?

. (See Colossians 4:6.)

It is safe to say that just as salt keeps meat from spoiling, so as we read God's Word, we are kept from the sins of hands and feet and eyes. There will be a sweetness about us Christians that will win others.



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