



Hating Sin

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TODAY'S READING: Mark 9

When I watch the news, I tend to get angry. I get angry when people say there is not a human being in a mother's womb when she gets pregnant. I get angry when teachers tell children they can be a boy or a girl or both. I get angry when I hear of parents encouraging their children to celebrate homosexuality. I get angry when I see "preachers" online and on TV teaching a false gospel. *I want to remind you of something today, Christian – the people in our country who are teaching our children lies and taking advantage of them will be held accountable to God one day!* In Mark 9:42, Jesus says being drowned will be a better future for these people than what will happen to them when God judges them.

In Mark 9:43-47, Jesus makes it clear that God takes sin seriously. Should you actually cut your hand off if it is causing you to sin? No. But you should get rid of whatever is causing you to sin in your life! Does your computer or phone cause you to sin? Get rid of them. I tell the students all the time, do not ever have your phone or computer alone with you in your room at night! Get an old dumb phone if you must. Ask me or a pastor about software that you can put on your phone and computer. Some of you may need to get rid of Netflix (audible gasp I know). Parents, be aware of what your kids are doing on their phones and do not leave them alone with them unless you have parental controls on the devices. Are certain people you spend time with causing you to sin? Stop spending time with these people and seek out Christians to spend time with, even if you do not have as much in common with them! Christian, we must protect our children and teach them God's Word. As believers, the most loving thing we can do for others is help them be freed of the slavery of sin. Hell is real and God's wrath will be poured out on those who do not trust in Him. Remember, taking sin seriously is not how we are saved, but it shows whether or not we are saved.

PRAYER: Father, protect our youth from the lies of the enemy today. Help me point everyone around me to what is best for them – living life how You designed us to live. Thank You for showing me mercy although I deserve hell.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.

MONDAY'S READING: Mark 10

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