Hell
from Mark 9:42-50
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Our Lord Jesus, in his concern and mercy for men, believed it was important to warn people about hell, and he urged them to escape it through following him. Mark 9:42-50 is an example of one of these occasions. Jesus' words urge us to ***escape the suffering of hell in eternity through absolute devotion to Jesus in the present.*** In this passage Jesus gives three reasons to escape from hell.

- Hell is worse than man's worst methods of execution (v. 42).

- Hell is worse than losing the things most precious to us (vv. 43-48).

- Hell is worse than any suffering associated with Christ (vv. 49-50).