

Mark 9:33-50

LW – Mt. Transfiguration/Don't Tell Till; Boy Healed 3 pts; Jesus' 2nd teaching Betrayed/Killed/Rise 3rd Day

V33-37

1. What disputed among yourselves? Desires to be first, shall be last of All, Servant of All! (Gk=Diakonos)

* Greatest commandment = love; Greatest gift = love; God manifested love/sending Son;

1 John 4:9⁹In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

* The Greatest took on the form of a bondservant (Gk=doulos) slave/servant

Philippians 2:6-7⁶who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Matthew 20:26-27²⁶Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant(same). ²⁷And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave(doulos)—

* The Greatest way to show our love and service to the Lord is to SERVE!!! “The Path of Greatness is Service.”

* Not how much we know, how long we have been, which church we go/have gone to, people we know...

2. Took a little child/set midst/taken in arms... Yes, using as illustration, but do you see the love/care of Jesus?!

* Whoever receives one of these little ones in My name receives Me...

V38-41

1. One who does not follow us – Forbade him because he does not follow us!

* The danger of denominations – Forbidding because not one of us!!! Communion, Baptism...

2. He who is not against us is one OUR side!

V42

* Whoever causes one of these little ones to stumble (Shall offend – Gk=Cause to stumble)

* He is in Capernaum – which sits on the North shore of the Sea of Galilee!

* How can we cause little ones to stumble?

1. Our Example

2 Kings 21:20 Amon - ²⁰And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, as his father Manasseh had done.

2 Kings 15:3 Azariah - ³And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah had done,

2. Not teach them about the LORD

Judges 2:10¹⁰When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel.

3. Chastening/Not Chastening

Hebrews 12:5-7⁵And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: “My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; ⁶For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.” ⁷If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

4. Lukewarm - **Revelation 3:16**¹⁶So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Making God, Worshipping Him Simply a Choice – Workout, Camping, Watch TV/Movie

V43-48

* Hell – 15 Times in the Gospels

* Heaven – 148 times in the Gospels – Jesus uses 18 Times in just the Be-attitudes alone!

* But does He and the Bible teach about a place called Hell – Absolutely

* It is the reason why we share the Gospel – Not just because Heaven is real, but so is sin & hell.

* Two words in O.T. – The Pit or Sheol

* Three Words in N.T. –

1. Hell – English – KJV uses it in all places regarding where people who reject Christ go

2. Hades – (Gk & Eng) - In Biblical Greek it is associated with Orcus, the infernal regions, a dark and dismal place in the very depths of the earth... Usually Hades is just the abode of the wicked,

Matthew 16:18¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades (KJV - Hell) shall not prevail against it.

1 Corinthians 15:55⁵⁵ “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades (KJV – Grave), where is your victory?”

3. Gehenna – “Gehenna” or “Gehenna of fire”. This was originally the valley of Hinnom, south of Jerusalem, where the filth and dead animals of the city were cast out and burned;

* Word used here

What do we learn about Hell (Gehenna) here:

1. It is the opposite of LIFE (Death)

* It is better to enter into LIFE – V43, 45 and defined as the Kingdom of God in V47 – Heaven is where God is!

* Jesus gives eternal life

2. Sin is the way to Hell – V43, 45, 47 – If your hand, foot, eye causes you to SIN cut it off...

* Jesus is the way to Life

3. It is a Place of FIRE – FIRE hurts!!! V43, 45, V47

* Jesus is the water

4. That fire will never be quenched – Never stops

* Difference – Relationship to one another

Revelation 20:13-15¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

V48-50 – “Benediction”

Salt - **Leviticus 2:13** With all your offerings you shall offer salt.

Fire - **1 Corinthians 3:11-15**¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Conclusion

* How do we get our names written in the Book of Life?

Revelation 3:5⁵ He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

* How do we overcome?

1 John 5:4-5⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world— our faith. ⁵ Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?