

I. TRANSITION FROM THE INDEPENDENT EXORCIST (Mk.9:38-42)

- A. MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS** (Mk.9:38-42)
- B. THE BLESSING OF RECEIVING GOOD** (Mk.9:41)
- C. THE CURSING OF GIVING EVIL** (Mk.9:42; see 43f; Acts 4:19; 1Cor.8:7f)

II. THE URGENCY OF REPENTANCE (Mk.9:42-50; see Mt.18:6-9; 5:13,29,30; Lk.17:1,2; 14:34,35)

- A. LITTLE ONES WHO BELIEVE** (Mk.9:42; 43; see Mt.18:6,10,14)
- B. STUMBLE INTO SIN** (Mk.9:42; 43-47; see Mt.5:28-30; 13:41; 16:23; Jms.2:10)
- C. HORRIBLE YET BETTER: THROWN & THROW** (Mk.9:42; 43-47(Mt18:9); see 48=Is66:24; Rev20:10)
- D. ULTIMATE GOOD: LIFE & KINGDOM** (Mk.9:43-47; see 41)
- E. CAUSE OF SIN: CUT OFF; SALT** (Mk.9:43-47 ↔ 49,50; see Mt.5:13; 29,30; 18:8f,17; see Gen.17:14; Ex.12:15; Ps.34:16; 1Cor.5:13)
- F. HAND, FOOT; EYE** (Mk.9:43-47; Mt.18:8,9; see 5:29,30; see Ps.9:16; Eph.4:1,17; see Ex.20:13-17; see Mt.15:18,19; see 2Sam.11:2f)
- G. SALT** (Mk.9:49,50)
 - 1. everyone will be salted with fire (Mk.9:49//43f; see 2Pt.3:10f; 1Cor.3:12-15)
 - 2. salt is good (Mk.9:50; see 42,43-47 /Dt.29:23; Ezek.16:4 /Ex.30:35; Lev.2:13; Num.18:19&2Chr.13:5)
 - 3. ineffective salt: unrepentance; spiritual rot (Mk.9:50a; see Mt.5:13=Lk.14:34,35)
 - 4. *in yourselves salt* = **peace among yourselves** (Mk.9:50b /Mt.5:13,23f; Gal.5:13f,22; Hb.12:14 /1Tm1:2)

III. DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO STOP SINNING!

- A. KNOW THAT THE WAGES OF UNREPENTANT SIN IS ETERNAL DEATH!** (Mk.9:43f; see 2Pt.3:10f; 1Cor.3:12-15)
- B. KNOW ULTIMATE GOOD OF HEAVEN & ULTIMATE DISASTER OF HELL!** (Mk.9:43f)
- C. DO NOT CAUSE OTHERS TO STUMBLE INTO SIN: YOU WILL BE CUT OFF!**
(Mk.9:42f(=Mt.18:6f; Lk.17:1,2); see 1Cor.8-10; esp.8:8f; 9:22,23; 10:23f; 30f; Rom.14,15; esp.14:14,15; 20f; 15:1f)
- D. DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO STOP SINNING!** (Mk.9:50b,42f; see Rom.8:13; 12:1; 1Cor.9:27; Col.2:11; 3:5; note: salt = 2x - Col.1:13; 2:11,12; 2:20&3:1; 3:9&10; 3:5f&12f)
- E. SALT YOUR HEART!** (Mk.9:43f; see Mt.15:18,19; see Dt.10:16; 30:6; Jer.4:4; Rom.2:29; see Rom.8:13; Col.2:11; see Acts 2:42)
- F. SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT: OUR PEACE DEPENDS ON YOUR EFFECTIVE SALT!**
(Mk.9:50b,42f; see 1Pt.3:8-11; see I.G.4 above; see Mt.18:7f w/15f; 7:1-5)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)