

Yes to Fear

Gospel of Mark Series – Part 30

Scripture text – Mark 9:42-50

Introduction

- We normally don't like it when somebody tries to manipulate us through _____ . Often, the danger is _____ .
- And yet, what if there really is something to fear? Wouldn't we want to know about it?
- The bottom line of this passage is whether we can _____ Jesus in his attempt to motivate us through fear.
- The greatest danger we face isn't _____ or _____, but the possibility of going to _____ .

What Jesus Says about Hell

1. Hell is _____ .
 - It's a place a person either _____ to or is _____ into, which suggests the involvement of another superior power.
2. Hell is _____ .
 - In fact, it's *so* bad that, if _____ yourself would keep you from going there, you'd better do it.
3. Hell is _____ .
 - This was a particular _____ of Jesus in this passage.

The Winds of Change

- The modern church is faltering in its _____ of the doctrine of the eternal, conscious suffering of the wicked.
- This undermines the _____ of God and the glory of his _____ .
- One leading theologian called the eternal, conscious suffering of the wicked "*an outrageous doctrine, a theological and moral _____.*"
- The sentiment is understandable, but we can't elevate _____ above _____ .

Reasons for Humility

1. We have a limited understanding of the _____ of sin.
 - From our perspective, eternal, conscious suffering in hell is way out of _____.
 - Until we understand sin from God's perspective, we can't really evaluate the _____ of the punishment.

2. We have a distorted notion of _____.
 - Because we're made in the image of God, we have an _____ for justice, but one marred by sin.

A Declaration

- Not a single _____ person will spend even a _____ in hell.
- Two truths:
 - 1) All people have _____ of God (Romans 1:18-19); and
 - 2) All people _____ God (Romans 1:21).
- Amendment: There *was* an _____ person who suffered divine punishment.

From Apologist to Evangelist

- Unless & until you acknowledge that you _____ to go to hell, you cannot and will not be _____.
- The first words Satan spoke to humanity were words seeking to undermine the _____ of God (Genesis 3:4).

