

# “God Is Serious About Sin”

Mark 9:42-48

**INTRODUCTION:** *“Cutting off hands & feet, plucking out eyes, tying a millstone on your neck!”*

## **I. CONTRARY TO TODAY’S SOCIETY, GOD TAKES SIN SERIOUSLY**

- A. Today, sin is ‘winked at’ & the *word* sin has almost vanished from our vocabulary.
- B. Not so with God:  
note the graphic language about – hands, feet, eyes (vv. 43-48)
- C. And, what is a *millstone* that is to be “tied around our neck”? (v.42)

## **II. WE EASILY NOTICE OTHERS WHOSE SIN IS SERIOUS**

- A. Monstrous dictators, evil political regimes, famous murders . . .
- B. Even a well-known Biblical person: King David (2 Samuel 12:1-9)
- C. But David then & we today see other’s sins, but not our own (2 Samuel 12:5-7a)
- D. Now, let’s look honestly into the mirror of our own lives (Romans 3:23)

## **III. THE MILLSTONE SHOULD BE TIED AROUND OUR NECK**

- A. What a millstone around our neck! (Romans 6:23)
- B. We are “that man” spoken of in 2 Samuel 12:7-9a.
- C. Revelation 18 speaks about the “millstone judgement” we deserve due to our sin.

## **IV. BUT HERE IS SOMETHING AMAZING: THE MILLSTONE HAS BEEN TIED AROUND JESUS’ NECK!**

- A. The Bible says Jesus has “become sin for us” (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- B. Through Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross, our millstones have been taken away!
- C. See the millstone taken away at every Baptism & celebration of Holy Communion!

**CONCLUSION:** *Wetaskiwin, Alberta:*  
*‘The hills of peace’ (a millstone untied)*

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