



## Matthew 18:6-9

- Matt. 18:6 “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.
- Matt. 18:7 Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!
- Matt. 18:8 “If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire.
- Matt. 18:9 And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.

## Observations & Discussion

1. Who are the “little ones” that Jesus describes in vs. 6?
2. Compare Jesus’ warning in verses 6 & 7 with Paul’s warning in 1Thess. 4:3-6. Generally speaking who (or what group of people) today are in danger of God’s judgment?
3. Now consider Jesus warning in verses 6 & 7 and Paul’s warning in 1Thess. 4:3-6 **personally**. How might a Christian cause another Christian to sin, and what are the consequences for that Christian who caused another person to sin?
4. In verses 8 & 9 Jesus suggested a radical way to deal with sin in your own life; is He speaking literally or figuratively? What did He mean & how are you supposed to apply His instructions to the temptations you face every day?
5. In verses 8 & 9 Jesus talks about “hell fire”. Is Hell a real place? How do you know your answer is correct?