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Bible Text: Matthew 18:8-9

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Prayer

Heavenly Father we thank You for today, as we go into Your word, Father empower us with Your knowledge and understanding. Glory be to Your Holy name for in Jesus name I pray. Amen

Study

I welcome everyone in the name of our blessed Lord and savior Jesus Christ, I hope you had a wonderful day. Briefly, we will be looking into the word of God and the topic before us tonight is "**cut it off**"

Matthew 18:8-9 AMP

And if your hand or your foot causes you to stumble and sin, cut it off and throw it away from you; it is better (more profitable and wholesome) for you to enter life maimed or lame than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into everlasting fire. And if your eye causes you to stumble and sin, pluck it out and throw it away from you; it is better (more profitable and wholesome) for you to enter life with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the hell (Gehenna) of fire.

If we read the above verses carefully, we would see that the matter of entering into the kingdom of God is so serious, we should also be mindful of our desires, cares, ways, passions, and actions.

To cut off something simply means

- To bring to an untimely end
- To stop the passage of
- To discontinue

- To terminate
- To disengage
- To dismember
- To turn off

As heaven bound Christians, we must understand that there are many things we have to cut off, not because they are sin only, some may not necessarily be sinful, but they would promote our relationship with God and are for our good if cut off. We should know how to regulate all these things for them not to become sin but if they by any means cause us to sin, it's better to do away with them totally rather than trying to manage them or patch things up.

These parts of the body the Lord used as an illustration shows how important something can be to us that might make us think we cannot do away with them because of the good services they offer to us. The eyes, hand and foot are parts of the body that are very essential but if the Lord can say losing these parts is better than spending eternity in hell alongside with them, then we must take His word as He has said it. It would not be something palatable for someone to later find himself in the fires of hell. Ambitions are sometimes like foot, quest for positions are sometimes like hands, modernization are sometimes like eyes, very important and seems as if we cannot do without them but when these causes us to sin, we must not pamper them but cut them off, we must not allow ourselves to be held grip under the power of any.

These things are lawful and some things might look expedient (helpful) but when we are held under the grip of any of these things we would come short of our preparation into the eternal glorious home. That is why Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 6:12 AMP that **Everything is permissible (allowable and lawful) for me; but not all things are helpful (good for me to do, expedient and profitable when considered with other things). Everything is lawful for me, but I will not become the slave of anything or be brought under its power.** What apostle Paul was trying to say in this verse of the scripture is that though it might not be a sin to do a thing, in fact if he wants to do it, he can, but he would not let it have dominion over him. This does not in any way apply to sins, anything that is sinful

should be totally done away with. There are times that we might be at a crossroad to choose between one or two things in the body of Christ, because some say it's a sin, while another say it's not. When we find ourselves in such situation, it is advisable that we cut it off totally, if truly we are not held under it's grip, because by the time one would be judged after death, one would not have the opportunity to come back to the earth to amend his ways if finally it is said to be a sin.

But in a situation whereby one does not engage in such a thing, he will not be judged for not engaging in it, so anything one is not sure of, it is better to cut it off, that is wisdom in order not to regret eternity, in a situation when one finds it hard to let go of it, it means such is held under the grip of it. It is important to note that there are many feet, hands and eyes in this generation. We are not talking about sins, because sins are outrightly bad, we are talking about the things that serves good purposes but can turn bad if not well regulated. For example, television, hand set, computer etc they are not bad on their own but can become evil when used to watch secular movies or pornography, football, demonic cartoons etc, at this point it is a foot, hand and eye because it serves the purpose that is good but can become sinful, so it must be cut off if it is causing you to sin.

Being friends with some people might not be bad but when it begins to serve as an avenue for sin, cut it off!

For some people, it is the internet that they need to get rid of because that is what they use to access pornographic contents easily and quietly, some uses it to gossip about others, some uses it to sex chat, and some uses it to play worldly music, they are causes to sin and they must be cut off! Thinking that you will not survive by cutting all these out of the way is making them have power over you, It is domineering when you cannot do without Facebook for three hours then something is wrong somewhere.

We must therefore put it into mind that cutting off the foot, hand and plucking off the eye, will bring pains, it will bring about discomfort, It is not an easy thing, the flesh would want to enjoy these things, it will rebel, it will feel cheated, especially when you choose to stop those kisses you do give your fiance or fiancée secretly which has almost led you into premarital sex or by breaking that boyfriend and

girlfriend relationship that has giving you up to the spirit of lust. The flesh does not want you to stop because it loves it, It would begin to give you one thousand and one reasons why you do not need to cut the relationship off, as a legally married man, the flesh would continually tell you that that your neighbor's wife can still be very close to you even when you know that you are lusting after her.

But in all these things, it is painful to cut off most things, just as when an eye is plucked out, it's not something soothing, but at the same time that should not stop us and that should not let us go back and quietly fix the ones we have already cut off , saying we would die if we don't do them. This is also a form of denial, I cannot remember the last time I sat in front of the TV to watch a movie for up to 30mins because I observed that they are fond of showing pictures that cannot help me, so I watch Christian movies I choose to watch sometimes on my phone or system and not the ones that can be easily infiltrated by these TV stations, I cut it off because of illicit pictures, same with Facebook, I had to cut it off for sometime to create spiritual balance because of it's illicit pictures too, these things were not easy to do for it certainly brought about inconvenience and pains but they paid off.

It is advantageous to do it, though it's something that is not just easy, but you have to endure the pain if it means breaking that relationship, break it! though it will not just happen without pains, and emotional instability but one thing is sure, it is better to allow such than for every other aspect of life that are well functioning to suffer at the end because of an aspect that one has refused to cut off. This admonition can be terrifying as hell is involved, it is a matter of eternity which the wise would not joke with except for the foolish, it is better to experience pains here on earth for it will bring glorious adjustments to us for a glorious home, which is better than ending up in the home of the Lost, Hell Fire!

In conclusion,

Whatever causes you to stumble, cut it off!. Whatever thing can lead to temptation, cut it off! because it is the soul that is at stake, it will remain in eternal torment. Hell fire will not be a refreshing place because if it were to be a

place that can be tolerated, our Lord Jesus Christ will not have told us to go as far as seeing that our body parts are incomplete if it calls for it so as to miss the eternal fire. Let's begin to take our eternity seriously and begin to cut off as many things as possible that can jeopardize our eternity if they be sin or not. We must be wise in the affairs that concerns our souls.

I know that the Holy Spirit would have been pointing out some areas you need to cut off as you have been reading this teaching, please do not hesitate to cut them off quickly, eternal life is good than eternal death. May we not hold onto what will breathe eternal regrets on us in Jesus Christ name. Amen.

This is where we would end today's teaching.

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