

The image shows the spine of an old, thick book with many pages, bound in dark brown leather. The book is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its spine facing right. The pages are aged and yellowed, and the leather shows signs of wear and tear. The background is a dark, solid color, possibly black or dark brown, which makes the book and the text stand out.

Matthew's Messiah

*The life and ministry of Jesus
from Matthew's perspective*

⁶ If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

⁷ Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come!

8 If your hand or your foot
causes you to stumble,
cut it off and throw it away.

It is better for you to enter life
maimed or crippled than to have two
hands or two feet and be thrown
into eternal fire.

⁹ And if your eye
causes you to stumble,
gouge it out and throw it away.

It is better for you to enter life
with one eye than to have two eyes
and be thrown into the fire of hell.