

SECOND PETER CHAPTER 2

Lesson 27 WARNINGS

6 February, 2015

“The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations...” (vs. 9)

God has never sent judgment upon a people without first sending a warning that due judgment was coming. Along with that warning, the merciful God also provided a way of escape from the pending doom. The Bible is full of examples of God’s warnings—and God’s mercy. God is not to be blamed for those who ignored His warnings and ended up in hellfire.

As God’s children, we are called to give a warning to those who are in danger of God’s judgment and show them the way of escape. It is not our responsibility to make sure people don’t go to hell; that’s an individual choice, but it is our responsibility to give the warning ABOUT hell and judgment.

WARN: to give notice of approaching or possible danger, that it may be avoided. To caution against anything that may prove injurious. To caution against evil practices.

GENESIS 19:1-25 The example of God’s warning to Sodom and Gomorrah. God must certainly destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, but not before He sends a warning. Anyone who believes God and heeds the warning can be saved from fire and brimstone. Those who don’t believe God will ignore the warning and burn with the city.

Lot and his family escaped; not because they were better than the others, but because they believed God’s warning and escaped the damnation.

HEBREWS 11:7 Noah was **“warned of God of things not seen as yet.”** He BELIEVED the warning (faith), he HEADED the warning (paid attention to it), he prepared an ark (took action), and saved his household (salvation).

Noah was preaching righteousness (giving warnings) the entire time the ark was being prepared. The people were drowned, not because they were bad, but because they didn’t believe God.

JONAH 3:1-10 Nineveh was full of wickedness. God intended to “overthrow” the city for its wickedness. He sent His prophet Jonah to warn the people of the city (God provided them an opportunity to escape). The people of Nineveh **BELIEVED God** (vs. 5) and took the necessary action; they **“turned from their evil way”** (vs. 10), and God spared them.

2 CHRON. 19:8-10 We must give God's warnings to avoid judgment upon our nation. We "warn them" not to trespass against the LORD (vs. 10) so that wrath doesn't come upon US.

EZEKIEL 3:17-19 God's people are responsible "**warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life**" (vs. 18). If we don't tell them, we'll have to answer to God for our disobedience.

EZEKIEL 33:7-9 If we obey and give the warning, we'll not be held responsible if a person refuses to heed the warning we gave them.

JEREMIAH 6:10 Even though we know people "have no delight" in the word of the Lord, we are still required to give the warning.

ACTS 20:28-31 God also requires that warnings be given to Christians within the church. We must warn the brethren about the "grievous wolves" that will try to seduce them. We must warn them of the consequences of every unbiblical and ungodly practice.

1 COR. 4:9-16 We need to be willing to make a fool of ourselves for Christ's sake (vs. 10). We must warn Christians of the importance of doing right, whatever the cost. Souls are at stake. We won't fit in, we won't be accepted, but if we've got a heart for souls, those things won't matter.

COLOSSIANS 1:25-29 INSIDE the church, believers must be WARNED about gossip, tale bearing, pride, division, backbiting, carnality, divisiveness, sowing discord, and holding grudges.

"For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (Rom. 14:10).

"For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23).

"They that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same" (Job 4:8).

1 THESS. 5:12-14 We need to "warn them that are unruly" among the brethren. Christians who don't like rules are rebellious. We need to warn them of the consequences of that rebellion so that they can avoid being hurt by it.
