

Warnings

Today it is a great thing to have warnings. There is to be a warning on cigarette advertisements. A doctor is to warn a patient of all the possibilities that go along with anathesia and other medical procedures. We read warnings on the side of the road for a bump. Or there may be construction ahead. If there is a pothole, it is considered a favor to be told about it. I remember when I was in grade school in a one-room schoolhouse. We would play hide and go seek and we would hide under the schoolhouse in the craw space. Someone would warn us if the one that was "it" was around. So warnings are not bad. In fact, they are good.

In the Bible we read of some warnings. Satan, the archenemy of God and the enemy of our souls, is seeking who he can destroy with his schemes. Satan is the opposer of all that is good and will sugar coat anything that he can to lure us. Satan has a perversion for all that is good. The Bible says in 1Pe 5:8* Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring **lion**, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

So the scripture gives us some warnings so we can escape the final result of all this mess that Satan is trying to get us into. To heed these warnings is to reap the blessings of God. He gives us these warnings for our good, not for our harm. Since God is the final authority, the sovereign God of the universe, the all-powerful one that is able to carry out his judgements, heeding his warnings is for our benefit. We read in 2Peter 3 that the reason that he does not settle all the accounts now is because of his mercy. He wants to give all a chance to heed his warning and accept His way. It will be good to do so before it is too late.

In Heb. 2:1-4 we are warned to give the earnest heed to the things we have seen and heard. How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation.

In Heb. 3:12 we read, Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

In Heb. 5:11-6:20 we are warned of not maturing in our Christian lives.

In Heb. 10:26-39 we are warned of drawing back from God and

In Heb. 12:25-29 we are warned of refusing God.

God's warnings are for our benefit, because not to heed his warnings is to reap the consequences of serving Satan. It is encouraging to know that the Lord cares enough about us to warn us. He wants us to experience his blessings.

Let us praise the Lord for his extreme concern for us so we trust in Him.

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