

Be Warned and Avoid Judgment 1

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Theme: Heed warnings and make changes

1 If anyone would accept the *warnings*, then anyone can avoid the *judgment* that is coming on a very rebellious world.

2 We know there is *no way out* for what we have done AV **Romans 3:23** “*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God*” except the *one way in* through faith in Jesus **24** “*Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.*”

3 It is a serious warning *given*, but a marvelous gift of eternal life *received* by heeding the words of the only One who can save us from the terrors of the Tribulation.

We now know **1 John 3:5** “*That Jesus appeared in order to take away sins*”—when we *believe* that and keep our *trust* on Him to do that!

4 We have been warned not to make an idol of anything in this life. Anything that has the potential to *be* an idol can quickly *become* one—so we ask God to reveal if something has become too important or too time-consuming for us. We then make changes if needed.

5 God’s *name* and the *Sabbath* day are holy—so we should treat both in that way—by *revering* His name and spending *time* in His house—listening, singing, and being part of the fellowship of other believers.

We should always honor our *parents* by honoring the godly *advice* and the Christlike *example* they showed us.

6 All human life is sacred to God, so we consider all groups and individuals as those for whom Jesus gave His life to save from the coming wrath if they will believe and put their faith in Him.

Our being a right example in the world—even in some small way—is a living example of how Jesus told us to live.

7 Not allowing anger toward someone to defile our conscience **Matthew 5:21** is heeding the warning—along with not coveting anything that anyone else has; not taking anything that belongs to another; and never saying anything we know is a false statement.

8 The Bible reveals the *cause* of all the wickedness and evil things that happen in the world—and it also explains God’s plan to be separated *from* the world so as to *avoid* the coming judgment and *escape* the approaching wrath of the Lamb.

9 The *cause* of all the trouble in the world is committing the sin Adam committed—and if that is not *corrected*, they would eventually be *separated* from *God* forever!

10 Adam and Eve were created by God to be happy—and they *were* contented because He gave them everything they needed.

God was there *with* them, and they *knew* Him personally as a God of love, mercy, and power. They talked with Him about anything—which made Eden a perfect environment!

11 When Satan convinced Eve to eat from the forbidden tree—she listened to him and acted on his words—thinking they would both become *like* God and knowing as much as *He* knew.

When they believed what Satan *said*, they turned away from what God *warned* them, which resulted in a complete *change* of their natures.

12 What they *had* known about God was suddenly *deleted* from memory. They *had* been close friends with God, but now they were *enemies* of God.

Instead of having confidence in *God* they had confidence in the *devil*. They were fixated on being *like* God and finding their *own* happiness by their *own* plans.

13 The world has been *following* that plan for over six-thousand years. Every human born since then has that same goal in mind that Adam had—that they can obtain what they *want*, and find the happiness they *desire*, by doing things their own way without God.

14 The results were disastrous, as this rebellious attitude has *caused* all the *trouble* that has ever happened to individuals, families, and in the world.

This original sin gave Satan the *power* to control the world, and to do all the horrible things that have ever been done!

15 World conditions have grown steadily *worse* over the years. The Bible explains how it will all end—with the worst global disasters in world history. The Great Tribulation will take place at the *end* of the Gospel Age.

These horrific things that are going to take place on a global scale would destroy *all* human life if God had not been merciful.

NLT **Matthew 24:22** “*Unless that time of calamity is shortened, the entire human race will be destroyed. But it will be shortened for the sake of God’s chosen ones.*”

16 The basic *cause* of this trouble is living Adam’s sin—which is shutting God *out* of their lives and accepting Satan *in* to control their life. AV **Isaiah 53:6** “*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way*”—which is Satan’s way.

17 This serious sin *of self* is even seen in the *religious* community today. It is bad enough to live in Adam’s sin with no *hypocrisy* connected with it, but to *say* you *believe* God and *follow* Christ, yet still live like the *world* and under Satan’s control, it is the worst *form* of that original sin!

18 The world in general has accepted the *lie* of Satan—that God has *changed* and will not heal, protect, or deliver anyone today—even if He did do that in the Bible.

It would be a serious wrong to tell a child that their parents will not do anything for them—but that they will give them a proper funeral after they pass away.

19 As dreadful as that is, it *is* the teaching of many churches—that God will not do things for them in

this life—so if they want contentment, happiness, healing, and protection, they will have to follow Adam’s sin to find them. And they believe that God will accept them into Heaven when they die.

20 There are many who are *preached* into Heaven—but no one *can* be preached into Heaven. If a person who passes from this life, did not show any characteristics of a true believer, they will *not* enter Heaven.

21 They would instead go to the Lake of Fire and spend an eternity of such agony and suffering that any troubles in *this* life would *pale* in comparison.

AV **Matthew 18:3** “*Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.*”

22 *That* is a serious warning—and it is *not* judging people—which is forbidden in Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount.

It is a serious *warning* about the *wrong* ideas people have about God, and of the serious *error* of most religious teaching today.

23 If church members are *not taught* to trust God for real life issues; if they are *not taught* to obey the teaching of the New Testament; if they are *not truly born* again and *filled* with the Holy Spirit; and if they are not willing to allow God to teach them spiritual lessons of faith and trust; then they are *still* controlled by the evil nature and *not ready* to meet Jesus.

24 The preparation for the return of our Lord and Savior is the most important thing we could possibly consider—and the Bible gives the *standard* for entering God’s kingdom. It is very different from

what the average Christian may think God’s requirement to be.

25 There are *three* things necessary to be ready for the return of Jesus!

Step One is to be *forgiven* of our sins—which *anyone* can receive since it is free and a Blood-bought *right* to have. We just need to *confess* and *forsake* our wrong ways **1 John 1:9**, then to *accept* and *live* God’s divine plan for this life.

Step Two is give our life totally to *God* for His *will* and *Word* to be our way of life. God enters the heart of any *repentant* soul by giving them the gift of His Spirit.

AV **Luke 11:13** “*If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*”

Step Three—and including *Step One* and *Step Two*—is learning spiritual lessons of faith and trust under the teaching and training of God Himself.

These three steps have been generally *ignored* or *overlooked* by the Christian community.

That is the warning! And *that* is the only way to avoid the most serious judgment this world has ever seen or experienced! It has all been predicted!



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