

## HEED TO GOD'S WARNINGS

(St. Matthew 2: 7-15, 19-23) (Ezekiel 3: 17-21)

Warn: To tell a person of a danger, coming evil, misfortune, etc.; to put on guard or caution; to notify or inform in advance; to caution about certain acts, and laws.

A warning can come in different ways. You can be warned by dreams, by prophecy, by the word, by the Holy Spirit, by angels or even by God himself speaking to you.

Many warnings come for our protection. There are some people who will not take heed to warnings because they are too proud and rebellious. Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall. (Proverbs 16:18).

Throughout the entire bible, man has been warned by God in many instances. In Genesis Chapter 6, Noah being warned by God of a flood that had not yet come, moved with fear and prepared an ark to the saving of his house.

In Genesis Chapter 19, the angels warned Lot to take his family and flee or escape for their lives. The angels wanted them to get out of Sodom and Gomorrah, because God was going to destroy the city. He warned them not to look back, but his wife looked back and became a pillar of salt.

In Judges Chapters 14-15, Samson was warned to never cut the locks of his hair because that would stop the Spirit of the Lord from coming upon him. But he met Delilah and lay in her lap and lost his anointing because he revealed the secret to her and she in turn, told the Philistines.

In Joshua 24:20 Joshua warns Israel about their strange gods, and what God would do. He said if ye forsake the Lord and serve strange gods, the Lord will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

In Isaiah (58:1), ***“the word says, “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression and the house of Jacob their sins.”*** The wicked were being warned and the wicked is being warned today.

Ezekiel Chapter 3:15-21, God made Ezekiel the watchman. He was to warn the people of their wickedness. He was speaking what God told him to speak. God told Ezekiel three times not to be afraid of the people, because the task was difficult. (Ezekiel 2:6-7). In a vision God gave Ezekiel a scroll to eat, which had writing on both side. This was the word of God. This was the message God wanted Ezekiel to give to Judah.

God gives every person fair warnings before they die so in the Day of Judgment so that there is no excuse.

There are some who believe that God is too loving to allow people to go through certain calamities or dangers. However, we are not exempt from problems because we are believers. God demands complete obedience to his word. If we fail to heed to his warnings, we can find ourselves in situations that are undesirable. Let us heed to God's warnings.