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"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God..." (1 Peter 4:11).

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# O HEED THE WARNING

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The song Prepare To Meet Thy God says, "Careless soul, O heed the warning, For your life will soon be gone; O how sad to face the judgment, Unprepared to meet thy God." This writing is an ardent appeal for each of us to heed the warning.

**NOAH WAS DIVINELY** 

WARNED. Hebrews 11:7 records, "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." The record of this taking place is found in Genesis 6:13-22. If you had been Noah, would your house have been saved?

JEHORAM WAS WARNED BY ELISHA. During the divided kingdom, when the Syrians were attacking Israel, we read: "And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down. And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once or twice" (2 Ki. 6:9-10). If you had been Jehoram, would you have saved yourself?

#### **EZEKIEL WAS**

COMMISSIONED TO WARN. Do you recall the duty of Ezekiel as a watchman? "...hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me", said the Lord to the son of man (Ezek. 3:17). He also said, "...if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity..." (v. 19). Would you have turned or died?

### WISE MEN WERE

WARNED. It is written, "And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way" (Mt. 2:12). Would you have returned or departed another way?

#### JOSEPH WAS WARNED.

Matthew 2:22, "But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee." What you have done, being warned of God?

CORNELIUS WAS WARNED FROM GOD. Acts 10 reports, "And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for

thee into his house, and to hear

words of thee" (Acts 10:22). Would you have sent for Peter, upon being warned from God?

## PAUL WARNED

CHRISTIANS. Paul said, "Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears" (Acts 20:31). To the Corinthian Christians he penned, "I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you" (1 Cor. 4:14). Part of preaching Christ is warning. Paul spoke of Christ and declared, "Whom we preach, warning every man..." (Col. 1:27-28).

CHRISTIANS ARE TAUGHT TO WARN. Our responsibilities as children of God include warning. "Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly..." (1 Th. 5:14). What is your attitude toward brethren who warn you?

The Lord's word serves as guideposts that warn.

"Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward"

(Ps. 19:11). As dreadful as it is for one to die physically, due to not paying attention to warnings, how much more terrible for there to be loss of eternal life because of not heeding divine warnings!

"Careless soul, O heed the warning"!

# A RIGHT SPIRIT

Nicolas Edwards

The Psalmist said, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (Ps. 51:10). I hope this is our desire as well. The word "spirit" is used several ways in the Bible. One way references man's disposition, emotion, moral character, attitude, nature, and inner being. We need to look to the Bible and pattern our spirit accordingly. We need a:

WILLING SPIRIT, Like those in Exodus 35:21. "And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the tabernacle...." When it comes to our giving, we need a willing spirit!

#### GUILELESS SPIRIT.

"Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile" (Ps. 32:2). Guile is 'deceit, false, treachery" as well as "idleness, slack, slothfulness." We need a spirit that is neither deceitful or lazy!

**CONTRITE SPIRIT.** "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit" (Ps. 34:18). The Lord said, ...But to this man will I look. even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word" (Is. 66:2).

STEDFAST SPIRIT. The opposite is seen in Psalm 78:8. These were "stubborn and rebellious...whose spirit was not stedfast with God." We must be "stedfast" (1 Cor. 15:58).

FAITHFUL SPIRIT. "A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter" (Prov. 11:13). Are we a revealer or a concealer?

**HUMBLE SPIRIT.** "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better is it to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud" (Prov. 16:18-19).

**RULED SPIRIT.** "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city" (Prov. 16:32).

**EXCELLENT SPIRIT.** "He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit" (Prov. 17:27).

PATIENT SPIRIT. "... The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools" (Eccl. 7:8-9).

**POOR SPIRIT.** The Lord said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Mt. 5:3).

**REJOICING SPIRIT.** In Luke 1:47 Mary said. "And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my saviour." Paul penned, "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, rejoice" (Phil. 4:4).

**STIRRED SPIRIT.** In Acts 17:16 Paul's "...spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry." Is your spirit stirred at the sight of sin?

"... Take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously" (Mal. 2:16).

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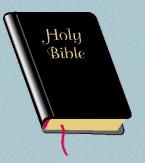
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