

## Warnings - cont.

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citizens of Nineveh (Jonah 3). There is absolutely no good reason to ignore the warnings of God.

In the New Testament, Jesus warned of the coming destruction of Jerusalem (Matthew 24), John warned of the coming destruction of Rome (Revelation 17-18), and the apostle Peter warned of the destruction of this present earth (2 Peter 3:10-12). Again, there is absolutely no good reason to ignore the warnings of God.

### Warn the People

Because God warns us, we must be reminded to warn others (2 Chronicles 19:10). We must warn others as God warns us (Hebrews 11:7). We must use God's word to warn others (Psalm 19:11). We must warn and be warned (Ezekiel 3:18-21; 33:3-9). We must not give up on warning others (Acts 20:31; 1 Corinthians 4:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; lit. to put to mind).

*See that ye refuse not him that speaks. For if they escaped not when they refused him that **warned** them on earth, much more shall not we escape who turn away from him that **warns** from heaven:*  
- Hebrews 12:25 -

- Chris Reeves -

## Sentence Sermons

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- While counting your calories, don't forget to count your blessings.
- Your burdens will be lighter if you allow others to help you carry them.
- The poor can give as much as the rich if they give all they can.
- Christians are supposed to love the loveable and the unlovable.
- Do not render evil for evil.

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# THE WARFIELD BULLETIN

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# Warnings And Why Many Do Not Heed Them

Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them **warning** from me. <sup>18</sup> When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou give him not **warning**, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thy hand. <sup>19</sup> Yet if thou **warn** the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. <sup>20</sup> Again, when a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him **warning**, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thy hand. <sup>21</sup> Nevertheless if thou **warn** the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he took **warning**; and thou hast delivered thy soul.

- Ezekiel 3:17-21 -

## Warning: Hell

Like the warnings on cigarette packs in Europe (see photo to the right), everyone is told clearly about hell in the New Testament (Matthew 26:46; 2 Thessalonians 2:9).

Like these warning, everyone is told multiple times about hell: Matthew 5:22, 29, 30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43, 45, 47; Luke 12:5; and James 3:6 (12 times in the New Testament — 11 times by Jesus and 1 time by his brother, James).

Like these warnings, everyone is told in advance about spiritual death (Romans 6:23) and the “second death” which is hell fire (Revelation 22:8).



Plain and obvious warning labels like these above on boxes of cigarettes can be seen in vending machines throughout Europe. They say things like “Smoking kills” ... “Smoking causes fatal lung cancer” ... “Smoking causes ageing of the skin” ... etc.

## Warnings: Why Not Heeded?

So, if everyone is warned clearly about hell, everyone is told multiple times about hell, and everyone is told in advance about hell, why is it that so many people will not heed the warning about hell? Why are “many” travelling the broad road that leads to destruction (Matthew 7:13-14)? Well, let me suggest a few things.

Some people might say, “How bad can it be.” They don’t think hell will be all that bad. Some people might say, “The warning is misleading or false.” They don’t believe the New Testament to be true. Some people might say, “The consequences are too far in the distance.” They put off the evil day and don’t worry about it. Some people might say, “I’ll take my chances; it may not happen to me.” They believe they might escape the judgment of hell. And, some people might say, “I’m too addicted to my sinful lifestyle and I don’t want to give it up. It feels too good.” They are enjoying the pleasures of sin for a season.

## Warning from God

God has always given mankind warning concerning coming judgment. In the Old Testament, God warned the wicked world in Noah’s day (Genesis 6), Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18-19), and the