

## Hebrews 3.15-19

### A People Under God's Judgment

We live a life filled with warnings. Some are needed, many are not, but there are those that absolutely **MUST BE** heeded. These are the warnings that God gives. When He warns, He intends that we heed, that we understand and that we obey. God is never pleased when people disregard His words, much less when His own people ignore His word, and His will. When that becomes the norm, danger is already upon us, when that becomes accepted and even desired by the majority... destruction is already here. Our nation stands at that moment, we as a people have crossed so many lines that God has drawn in His Word that I personally fear there might be no return... but so long as there is life, there is hope! But we **MUST** heed the warning, we **MUST** obey His mandates, we **MUST** repent or we **WILL BE** destroyed... so let us understand the shape of this age through the lens of scripture, let us see just how God sees our world, our culture, our churches, our lives...

# I. SIN IS THE ONLY THING THAT DISPLEASES GOD

a. Sin defined - rebellion against the will of God

i. Stated, revealed will can be violated

## Psalm 119.1-4

Psalm 119:136 (NKJV)

<sup>136</sup> Rivers of water run down from my eyes,  
Because *men* do not keep Your law.

ii. His Hidden will always happens and serves His own purposes

Psalm 115:3 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> But our God *is* in heaven;  
He does whatever He pleases.

Deuteronomy 29:29 (NKJV)

<sup>29</sup> “The secret *things belong* to the Lord our God, but those *things which are* revealed *belong* to us and to our children forever, that *we* may do all the words of this law.

Proverbs 16:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> The Lord has made all for Himself,  
Yes, even the wicked for the day of doom.

- iii. Sin then is rebellion, active and passive disobedience against what God has commanded and revealed in His Word. And it sets up the battle ground of all lives and cultures.

Proverbs 28:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> Those who forsake the law praise the wicked,  
But such as keep the law contend with them.

- b. God hates sin
  - i. Judgement against sin is death

**Romans 6.23**

- ii. He promises that He will judge without mercy on that day

### Hebrews 10.26-31

- c. He has provided the only possible path to mercy here and now
  - i. Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty for sin
  - ii. He offers His death in our place
  - iii. He offers His life in our stead
  - iv. He promises forgiveness to all who trust in Him

## II. OPEN, PUBLIC SIN ANGERS HIM TERRIBLY

- a. The worship of false gods
- b. Actual idolatry
- c. Failure to give God what is His own –

### Exodus 20

d. The heart's affections being given to self, pleasure, passions of lust, idleness, hateful attitudes toward good

e. The flaunting of our disdain of His Law

i. Turning the statutes of God on their ear, upside down and inside out

**Isaiah 5.20-21**

ii. Twisting justice for the sake of aiding evil

**Proverbs 11.18-21**

iii. Twisting justice for the sake of personal gain

**Micah 3.1-3**

f. The destruction that often accompanies open sin in the lives of the innocent

i. No one is truly innocent

**Romans 3.23**

Psalm 51:5 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
And in sin my mother conceived me.

- ii. Some are not guilty in the specific matter at hand

Exodus 23:6–8 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> “You shall not pervert the judgment of your poor in his dispute. <sup>7</sup> Keep yourself far from a false matter; do not kill the innocent and righteous. For I will not justify the wicked. <sup>8</sup> And you shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the discerning and perverts the words of the righteous.

- iii. Some are actively innocent

2 Kings 21:16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> Moreover Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another, besides his sin by which he made Judah sin, in doing evil in the sight of the Lord.

- a. The very youngest, meaning the unborn
- b. Children with unwarped minds
- c. Those who seek righteousness, however imperfectly
- d. Those who labor to obey God
- e. Be assured that God will punish those who shed innocent blood!

2 Kings 24:3–4 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> Surely at the commandment of the Lord *this* came upon Judah, to remove *them* from His sight because of the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he had done, <sup>4</sup> and also because of the innocent blood that he had shed; for he had filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, which the Lord would not pardon.

g. The caustic effects of open sin on a people as a whole

### **III. SIN BY A PEOPLE AS A WHOLE IS COURTING DISASTER FOR THAT PEOPLE**

a. God warns us all by His Word

Ps 19.7-11

b. God will warn a people only so long before He destroys them

2 Chronicles 36:15–16 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> And the Lord God of their fathers sent *warnings* to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending *them*, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. <sup>16</sup> But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, till *there was* no remedy.

c. He will pronounce judgment on that people, usually with a final warning, as a cut off

- i. Consider Sodom and Gomorrah
- ii. Consider the final destruction of Jerusalem

Jeremiah 18.11-17

- d. The destruction of that people will be terrible

#### **IV. GOD WILL OFTEN MAKE A GREAT EXAMPLE OF WICKED PEOPLES**

- a. Those who witness these destructions are to be greatly warned
- b. The same fate awaits all who will not turn from sin
- c. Other nations and peoples are to heed these warnings and turn from their own corporate sin before disaster falls on them
- d. THIS nation stands in the final days of our warnings

#### **V. THE EFFECTS OF THESE EXAMPLES**

- a. God is to be praised for His righteousness

- i. Not because we love the misery and destruction of the wicked
- ii. Not because we desire to be vindicated on our account
- iii. But because the will and work of God is ALWAYS GOOD and should be seen so by all right-minded people
- iv. Because God deserves to be loved, honored and praised

b. We are to turn from our sin as a people

c. We are to turn from our sin as persons

## **VI. THESE EXAMPLES STAND AS WARNINGS OF THE GREAT DAY OF JUDGEMENT**

a. Not only are we to be warned as a people about our impending judgement, but as persons we are to understand that when God judges, He judges finally

- i. The day of judgment is coming
- ii. The day is set and it fast approaches

b. Every one of us will be judged on that day

i. We will all stand –

2 Cor 5.9-11

ii. Who your family is, what your father has done, what your neighbors do, will not enter into your judgment

iii. Each man will stand compared to the Law of God and nothing else.

iv. Each one of us IS guilty

v. Our works WILL condemn us

vi. Our religious activities WILL NOT save us

vii. In ourselves, we will all perish

c. There is only one escape

i. The blood of Jesus is the only hope

2 Cor 5.21

- ii. The death of Christ to pay that debt is the ONLY path
- iii. The truth of God WILL NOT be twisted at THAT judgement
- iv. NO ONE offers any way out of damnation except Jesus
  - 1. He alone has the power and the right to forgive
  - 2. He alone offers mercy
  - 3. He offers mercy TODAY
  - 4. You have no promise of tomorrow
  - 5. I beg you, fly to Him, do not allow one second more to pass... fly.