

**“See, you have
been made
well. Sin no
more, lest a
worse thing
come upon
you.”**

John 5:14



**How does God warn us, and
how differently do people
respond?**



How does God warn us?

- His words
- His judgments
- Giving us the mind that can forecast the outcome based on what is happening today
- His chastisement (the paralytic example)



**How do some people
respond to God's warnings?**



1. Some doubt the warning and yield to the deceit

- The example of Adam and Eve:
“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’”

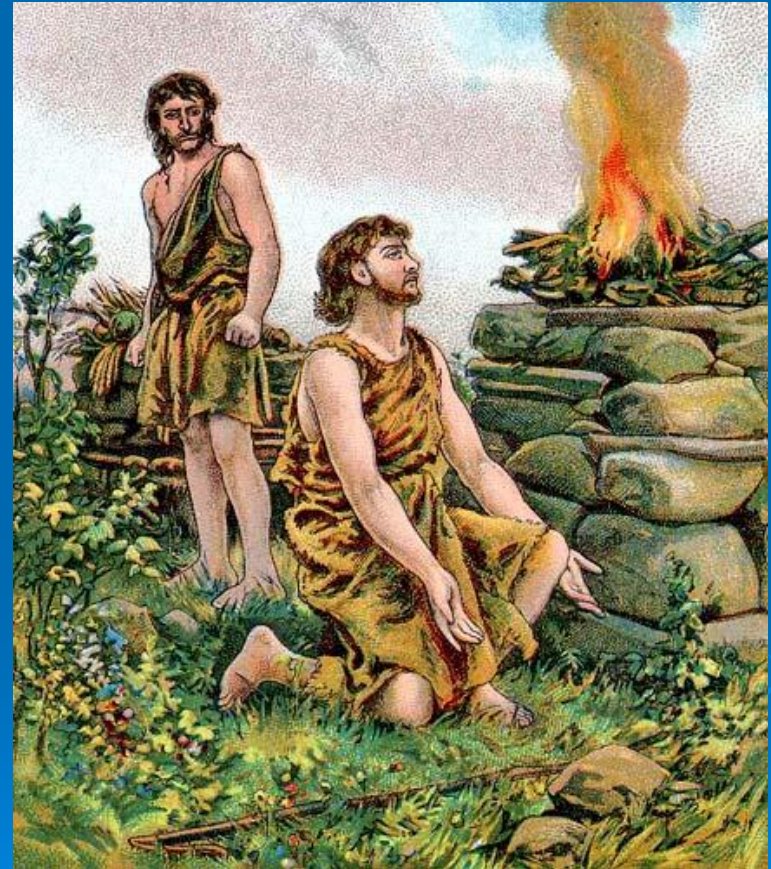
Genesis 2:16-17



2. Some ignore them and get carried away with a passion

- The example of Cain:
“So the LORD said to Cain, ‘Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.’”

Genesis 4:6-7

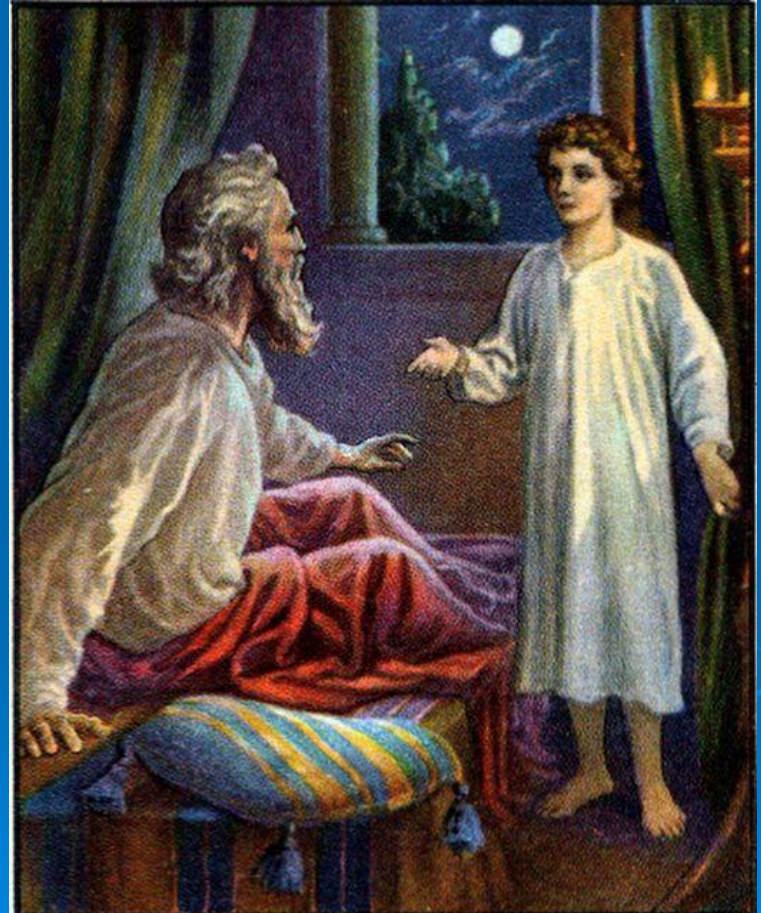


3. Some ignore them under a fake godly appearance

- The example of Eli the priest when he heard God's judgment against him from Samuel:

“Then Samuel told him everything, and hid nothing from him. And he said, ‘It is the LORD. Let Him do what seems good to Him.’”

1 Samuel 3:18

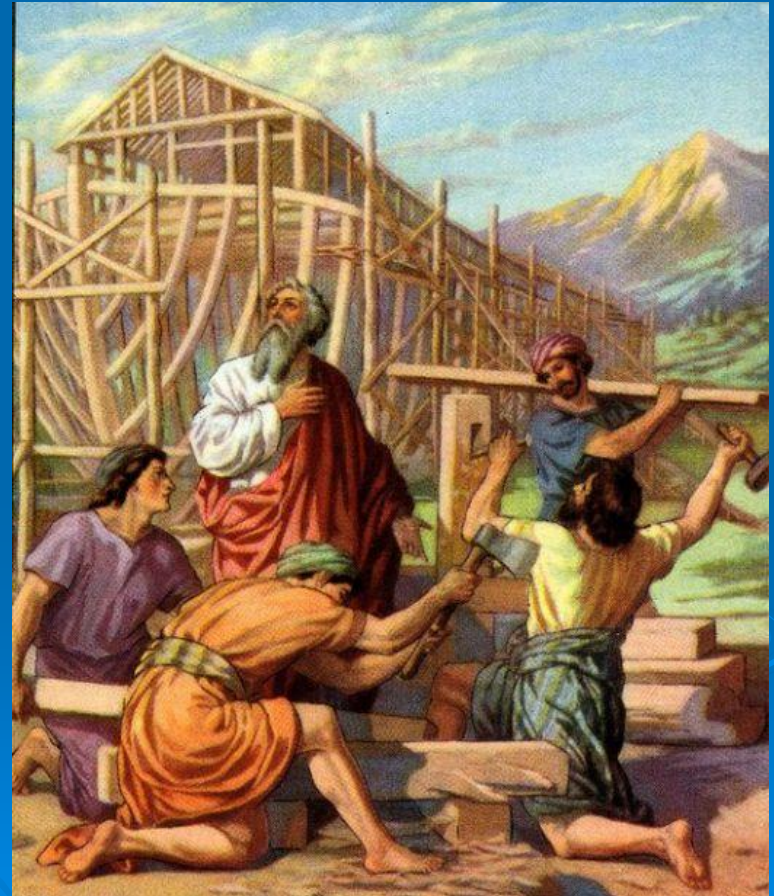


4. Some are indifferent to them

- The example of the people at the time of Noah:

“For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark...”

Matthew 24:38



5. Some mock them

➤ The example of the sons-in-law of Lot:

“So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, ‘Get up, get out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city!’ But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking.”

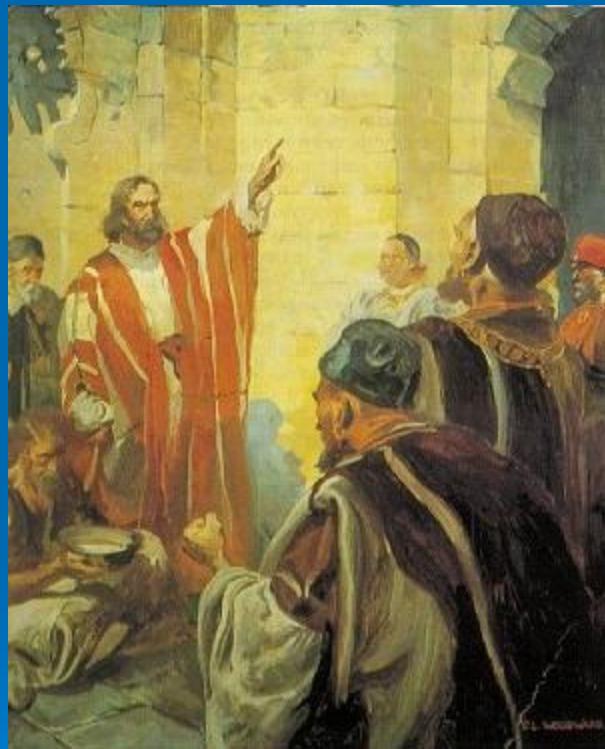
Genesis 19:14



6. Some even challenge them ⁽¹⁾

- The example of the people of Israel in the time of Isaiah the prophet:
“The Lord sent a word against Jacob, And it has fallen on Israel. All the people will know, Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, Who say in pride and arrogance of heart: The bricks have fallen down, But we will rebuild with hewn stones; The sycamores are cut down, But we will replace them with cedars”

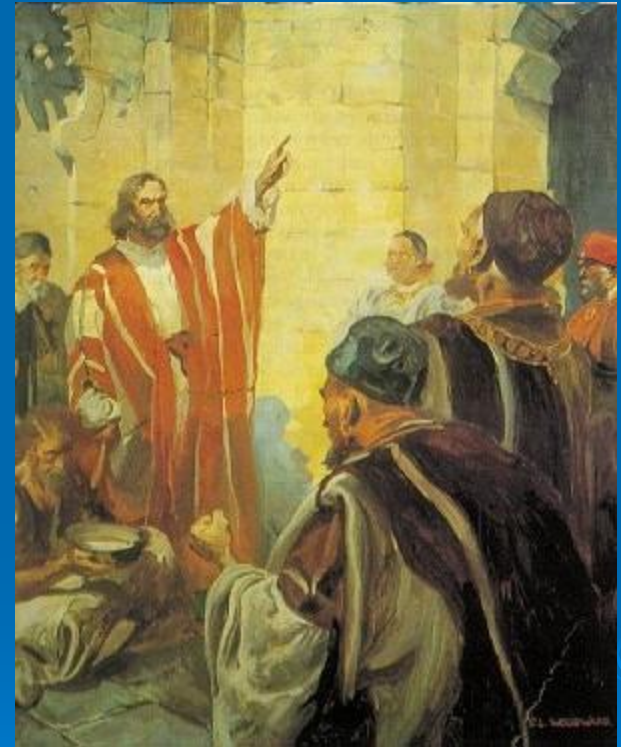
Isaiah 9:8-10



6. Some even challenge them ⁽²⁾

- “And in that day the Lord GOD of hosts called for weeping and for mourning, For baldness and for girding with sackcloth. But instead, joy and gladness, slaying oxen and killing sheep, eating meat and drinking wine: ‘Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!’”

Isaiah 22:12-13



How do the wise respond?

1. They heed the instructions:
“A wise son heeds his father’s instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.”

Proverbs 13:1

2. They act immediately like the people of Nineveh
3. They learn from history
4. They learn from their faults
5. They prepare for the future

