

The Gospel Unashamed

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

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Ten Things Jesus Warns us About!!

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Jesus is Lord! In the New Testament the Lord gives not only commands to be obeyed, promises to be enjoyed, facts to be believed, but warnings to be heeded.

It is the latter that we wish to study for a few minutes.

When our Creator, Savior, Sustainer and Protector encourages us to "take heed" or "beware of certain things", it behooves us to listen to His Words of warning. The Lord gives us specific things of which we should "beware" or "take heed"!

I first want to give you the Greek words He specifically used and the definitions of these words.

There are four words translated "beware" and which are translated "take heed". I will give you Strong's number and there you can see the sample verses of that particular word.

1. **BEWARE** (#4337. προσεχω *prosecho*, pros-ekh'-o)

from 4314 and 2192; (figuratively) to hold the mind (3563 implied) towards, i.e. **pay attention to, be cautious about, apply oneself to, adhere to:--(give) attend(-ance, -ance at, -ance to, unto), beware, be**

given to, give (take) heed (to unto); have regard.

E.g. **Matthew 7:15**, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

2. **BEWARE** (#5442. φυλασσω *phulasso*, foo-las'-so)

Probably from 5443 through the idea of isolation; **to watch**, i.e. **be on guard** (literally or figuratively); by implication, **to preserve, obey, avoid:--beware, keep (self), observe, save.** Compare 5083.

E.g. **Luke 12:15**, "And he said unto them, Take heed, and **beware** of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

3. **BEWARE or TAKE HEED** (#3708. οραω *horaō*, hor-ah'-o)

Properly, **to stare at** (compare 3700), i.e. (by implication) to **discern clearly** (physically or mentally); by extension, **to attend to**; by Hebraism, to experience; passively, to appear:--**behold, perceive, see, take heed.**

E.g. **Matthew 16:6, 11-12**, "6 Then Jesus said unto them, **Take heed** and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. 11 How is it that

ye do not understand that I spake *it* not to you concerning bread, that **ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?** 12 Then understood they how that he bade *them* not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees."

4. **BEWARE** (#991. βλεπω *blepo*, blep'-o)

a primary verb; **to look at** (literally or figuratively):--**behold, beware, lie, look** (on, to), **perceive, regard, see, sight, take heed.** Compare 3700.

E.g. **Mark 8:15**, "And he charged them, saying, Take heed, **beware** of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod."

Of what does Jesus tell us to beware or take heed of or perceive spiritual dangers? Let us review.

1. **False teachers or Wolves in sheep's clothing.**

2. **Men in general who betray their fellowman.**

Matthew 10:17, "But **beware of men**: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;"

3. **Doctrines of men, both new and what you have been taught.** (Pharisees, Sadducees,

and Herod instruction or teachings.)

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4. Religious hypocritical experts who love to show in dress, titles, best seats in the synagogue and at feasts.

Luke 20:46, “Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts;”

5. The reward of false prophets who are hypocrites and pretenders.

Acts 13:40, “**Beware** therefore, lest that come **upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets;**”

6. Dogs, evil workers, concision.

Philippians 3:2, “**Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.**”

7. Pied pipers who lead away by philosophy, vain deceits, astrology, traditions of men, seducing you away from Christ.

Colossians 2:8, “**Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and after the**

tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”

2 Peter 3:17, “Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, **beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.**”

8. Covetousness - Men who covet or hoard.

Luke 12:15, “And he said unto them, **Take heed, and beware of covetousness:** for a man's life consisteth **not in the abundance** of the things which he possesseth”

9. Despisers of children or new converts.

Matthew 18:10, “**Take heed** that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.”

10. Those who misunderstand the End Times and false Christ.

Matthew 24:4-6, “4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. 6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.”

If Jesus and the New Testament writers warn or give us a caution light, we better take heed to what He says. Pride, arrogance, and desire of being exalted will see us humbled. Covetousness will see us poor.

Even what we have been taught can cause us to be deceived. Despising men will cause us to be judged. Our worldview leads us away from God and causes us to fall.

An understanding of the times spoken of needs to be understood as

the destruction of Jerusalem or the world in view in the passage.

When we see or hear “beware warnings”, we should take heed. How much more we should take heed if it is Jesus, Who loved us so much that He died for us, who speaks.