

Warning: Fools Don't Fear Hell

Jude 23a (BSB) states, "Save others, snatching *them* out of *the* fire." The only way some people will turn to the Lord is by hearing a strong message about where they will end up if they don't change. Telling them, "God loves you" means nothing to them and doesn't cause them to think about their arrogant attitude.

Jesus warned us about hell in 46 Bible verses. Many don't believe in hell because they don't believe Jesus is God. The Bible calls that person a fool in Psalm 14:1.

Jesus said in Luke 12:4b-5 (KJV), "Be not afraid of them that kill the body and after that they have no more they can do. I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear. Fear him, which after which he that killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, fear him."

In Matthew 18:6, Jesus said, "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." In other words, there is something coming for the person who harms a child that is far worse than drowning. In 2 Corinthians 5:10-11a, Paul said, "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." That means when we understand the severity of hell, we will be more persuasive with men. We will take more effort with people.

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"The Believer's Bible Commentary" says, "This verse is commonly taken to mean that since Paul was aware of God's terrible judgment on sin, and the horrors of hell, he went

everywhere seeking to persuade men to accept the gospel.”

Jamieson, Fausset and Brown’s Bible commentary says, “The coming judgment so full of terrors to unbelievers. ... Ministers should use the terror of the Lord to persuade men.”

John the Baptist said to the Pharisees who came to Him, “O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?” (Matt. 3:7b).

There are many verses about God’s wrath coming on the ungodly and unbelievers. John 3:36 says, “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”

Romans 1:18a reads, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men.”

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“In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power” (2 Thess. 1:8-9).

Revelation 14:10-11a says His wrath will be poured out full strength. What is full strength to God? “He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb; and the smoke of their torment ascends up forever and ever, and they have no rest day, nor night.” That’s a terrifying passage.

The Bible also speaks of the heavenly bridegroom saying, “Depart from Me ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matt. 25:41).

Paul said in Colossians 1:27b-28a, “Christ in you, the hope of

glory, whom we preach, warning every man." We must warn every person. That's our job as Christians. It's not because we want to scare people. It's because we care about people.

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