



WARNING EXAMPLES

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *I Corinthians 10:1-13*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

Daily, we must put on the armor of God so that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. The last piece of that armor is the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. The Word of God plays a very important part in our lives and for the Gospel work (*Ephesians 6:11-17*).

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven (Matthew 16:19).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. Take heed to God's warning (*Ezekiel 33:1-7*).
2. We should praise only Jesus and none other! (*I John 5:21*)
3. We need the strength of Jesus in our daily lives (*Isaiah 41:10*).
4. The devil is always around trying to grab us from the arms of Jesus (*I Peter 5:8*).
5. It is important for us to assemble ourselves to hear the Word of God as much as possible (*Romans 10:17*).

BACKGROUND SETTING:

Warning! Warnings are like an alert or distress signal. In our scriptural lesson we read how the Israelites left Egypt, followed Moses, and then how soon they forgot about God. They desired for evil things such as the worshipping of idols as well as com-

plaining and murmuring even while God provided for them. Most importantly, they were unfaithful to Christ. The Israelites lived through the warnings of the ten plagues unharmed (*Exodus chapters 7-12*). These were not only warnings for the Egyptians but for the Israelites to know that their God was the Almighty God. Moses led them through the Red Sea but when they got to the other side, as Moses went up to Mt. Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments from the Lord (*Exodus 20*), the Israelites became impatient and asked Aaron to build them an altar and a golden calf to worship (*Exodus 32:1-2*). One important warning they forgot about was that there is only one God! Today, we know Him as Jesus.

LESSON SUMMARY:

Here at The Apostolic Faith Church, whether it be at our worship services, prayer services or through dreams and visions, we believe that the Spirit of God prepares us for things to come. One example is Jesus' return to take us to Heaven (*Matthew 24:42-44*). At the onset of this year, our New Year's Eve prophesy was centered on intensity, and what a year of intensity it has become. The whole world has been affected by COVID-19. Who would have thought that it would get this intense? Many lives have been lost. Our lives have been changed forever with constant cleaning and sanitizing as well as the new norm of masks and social distancing. Is this the sign of the times? Have people even drawn closer to God? The Word of God tells us that the end is not yet. *I Corinthians 10:12* warns us "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." God is faithful and will not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able; He will make a way to escape that we may be able to bear it (*I Corinthians 10:13*). Therefore, a true Christian should never be defeated when heeding all the warnings of God. We must stand for truth and righteousness and be in one heart, one mind, and in one accord in the unity of the Holy Spirit. And most importantly we must stand for the name of JESUS! We will then be ready for when Jesus returns for His very own as He promised. Lord come quickly!

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