

## Would Saul Arrest You?

If Saul of Tarsus, the ravenous persecutor, was around today, would he arrest you? The Bible tells us that he sought to “bind all who call on [the Lord’s] name” (Acts 9:14). That is, he persecuted people of “the Way,” “saints” (Acts 9:2, 13). These were people who, by their words and deeds were known to be followers of Christ. Would you be known as one of them?

While we are not to do things for the purpose of drawing attention to ourselves, we are to live so as to be a light in the world (Matt. 6:1-18; 5:14-16). If people do not see us living for the Lord, we are not doing our job. Christians are to be a distinct group. When people of the world see you, they should see you as “strange” because you do not live like them (1 Pet. 4:3, 4).

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## Take Heed (2)

The Lord repeatedly warns us to “take heed.” There are various matters to which we must take heed. In the last article we noted that Jesus said to take heed in our charitable deeds, leaven of the Pharisees, attitude and actions toward “little ones,” and being deceived (Matt. 6:1; 16:6; 18:10; 24:4). Let us notice more admonitions.

Jesus said, “But *take heed*; see, I have told you all things beforehand” (Mk. 13:23). This was said in the context of an explanation about the destruction of Jerusalem. Similarly, in reference to His return, Jesus said, “*Take heed*, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is” (Mk. 13:33). Jesus has told us all things we need to know beforehand about His return. He sent the Holy Spirit to guide the apostles into all truth (Jn. 16:13). There is nothing missing from the gospel that pertains to man’s salvation. God has revealed “all things that pertain to life and godliness” (2 Pet. 1:3). Therefore, no excuses will be accepted at Judgment.

Jesus said, “*Take heed what* you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given” (Mk. 4:24). He also said, “Therefore *take heed how* you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him” (Lk. 8:18). What and how we hear is very important. We must be careful not to ingest and digest error. Too many Christians swallow the polluted doctrine of denominations and end up accepting their beliefs. We must also watch our attitude as we listen to others. If we have a chip on our shoulder, we may put a twist on what another is saying and draw the wrong conclusion.

Jesus said, “*Take heed* and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of things he possesses” (Lk. 12:15). The world focuses on the material aspect of life. The Bible tells us to focus on the spiritual. The desire to be rich brings with it many temptations; greediness brings many sorrows (1 Tim. 6:9, 10). If we make

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possessions our priority, we will face perdition. Therefore, Christians need to lay up treasures in heaven (Matt. 6:19-21). They will bring true and lasting happiness, benefiting us in this life and the next.

Jesus said, “*Take heed* to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; if he repents, forgive him” (Lk. 17:3). Sin among Christians is no surprise. A Christian who claims he has no sin is a Christian who lies—which is another sin (1 Jn. 1:5-10). Sometimes when Christians sin they do it against one another. In such a case, the one against whom the sin was committed has the obligation to rebuke his wayward brother. This is not out of spite, but out of love for his soul and to gain a brother (Matt. 18:15-17). If he repents, he must be forgiven, even if it is seven times in one day (Lk. 17:4). If we are unwilling to forgive the penitent brother, then the Lord will be unwilling to forgive us (Matt. 6:14, 15).

Jesus said, “But *take heed* to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly” (Lk. 21:34). This is like the warning given in Mark 13:33, but with a different emphasis. As the cares and affairs of this life pile up, we may be drawn away from righteous living. We may push the return of our Lord to the back of our minds and begin living as though He will not come at all. Carousing and drunkenness are rampant sins in the world around us; celebrated as real living. However, both are sinful works of the flesh and will cause a person to lose his soul (Gal. 5:19-21). If we live in them, we will be caught off guard when Christ returns. Therefore, we must work to remain sober minded, both free from intoxicants and undistracted by the cares of this life.

Let us be diligent to “take heed.” The warnings are given for our benefit and, when observed, will bless our souls.

- Steven F. Deaton

I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You. You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel! For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard. My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever!

- Psa. 22:22-26

## Because I Live

Before His arrest, trial, and crucifixion, Jesus strove to prepare His disciples. He conveyed to them a powerful lesson by washing their feet (Jn. 13:1-17). He also sought to comfort and reassure them (Jn. 14:1-6). During this time of reassurance, He said, “A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. **Because I live, you will live also**” (Jn. 14:19). Jesus would soon be betrayed and killed on the cross, yet that would not be the end of Him, He would live.

Jesus was raised from the dead and thereby proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that He is the Son of God (Rom. 1:4). His life after death is key to everything. It is because He lives, that we live also. His resurrection ensures our resurrection from the dead. Paul made an extensive argument on this very point in 1 Corinthians 15. Some will be raised to the resurrection of life, others to the resurrection of condemnation (Jn. 5:28, 29). However, we also know that since Jesus lives, we may also live—spiritually.

Without the resurrection of Christ, there would be no hope for salvation. Because He lives, we may also live eternally. We have the forgiveness of sins now by obeying that form of doctrine like unto His death, burial, and resurrection. Paul said, “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4). Those who have done this have gone from death to life (Eph. 2:1-7).

We look forward to a home in heaven. Peter said,

Blessed by the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (1 Pet. 1:3-5).

A home in heaven would not be possible without the living Lord Jesus. If He was still in the grave, all hope would be lost. Thankfully, He is alive and because He lives, we may live also.

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