

# Men Who Refused To Listen When God Spoke

## 1) Readings

2 Chronicles 36:11-16  
Proverbs 29:1  
Acts 17:30  
2 Peter 3:4

## 2) The Threefold Deliverance In Exodus

- a) Deliverance from the executed judgment due to birth:
  - i) There is no record of the firstborn having done wrong. He is under condemnation due to birth.
  - ii) An impossible situation for one cannot help how they were born and we were born condemned. (Rom. 5:12-19)
  - iii) Only God could change such a situation. (Rom. 5:12 - 6:23)
- b) Liberation from the enslavers:
  - i) Bondmen (Deut. 7:8) and Pharaoh (Deut. 7:8)
    1. The enslavers we have the mindset, too guilty, and God would never forgive me, the lies of being told having sold myself to Satan, I can never be free.
    2. The son shall make you free.
- c) Release from the sphere of enslavement

## 3) The Difficulty of Being Free From The Egyptian Mindset

- a) As believers we find it very difficult to be free from the Egyptian mind set because we are bombarded by the world of anti truth attitudes.
  - i) A world which mockingly denies the reality of God.
  - ii) A world with the attitude of condescendingly mocking the individual who believes in the Lord as the sin bearer.
  - iii) Uses the language of evolution as truth.
  - iv) From this we are commanded: "Be not conformed" (Rom. 12:2)
    1. In externals is easy.
    2. But more serious is the deadly unconscious anesthetize of the unsaved attitude of life, there will always be tomorrow. (2 Pet. 3:4)

## 4) In a world which goes from day to day, same old routine, it is difficult to believe the truth of:

- a) The uncertainty of life:
  - i) "There is but a step between me and death" (1 Sam. 20:3). Sudden deaths always apply to others. How many of us have had a sudden death in our family?
- b) The immanency of the Lord's return (Jn. 14:3)
- c) The fact that God speaks to the unsaved for the last time (Prov. 29:1)
- d) The solemn fact that God may harden a person's heart (Ex. 9:12)
- e) Therefore, it is hard for us to be 100% earnest about the souls of people 24/7.

## 5) We who have unsaved relatives and associates:

- a) God speaking to them for the last time
- b) I recall a lady whom I knew very well, who had known the gospel for almost 60 years, who reportedly said that she knocked the christianity out of her husband, and said: "I will never accept Christ". Three weeks later she died in her sleep.
- c) I was asked to visit a man who the saints had prayed out of a coma pleading with God to give him a further opportunity to accept the Lord. When spoken to, his only reply was three times over to say: "I will think about it". Shortly after the third declaration he went into a coma and never regained consciousness.
- d) There is no value in praying, weeping, wishing, after they die, it is too late.

## 6) The scripture records individuals to whom God spoke for the last time

All the following individuals had a time in life's experience when:

- ▶ They began to have a God consciousness
- ▶ They began to believe in the reality of God
- ▶ They heard unmistakably the commands of God
- ▶ God spoke repeatedly to them
- ▶ They deliberately rejected the voice of God, the commands of God

### a) Zedekiah

- i) He rebelled against the discipline of God on him and the nation (2 Kgs. 24:20; 2 Chron. 36:13)
- ii) He refused to turn to God (2 Chron. 36:13)
- iii) He made little of God's warnings (Jer. 21:4-10)
- iv) He mocked the messengers of God (2 Chron. 36:15-16); and Jeremiah (2 Chron. 36:12)
- v) And God came in with judgment (2 Kgs. 25:5-6)
- vi) He watched as his sons were killed before him (2 Kgs. 25:7)
- vii) Had his eyes gouged out (2 Kgs. 25:7)
- viii) If only he had listened and obeyed
- ix) No it is too late

### b) Pharaoh

- i) He rejected the repeated prodding of God (The miracles and the plagues Ex. 7:10-10:24)
- ii) He heard the command of God (Ex. 5:1)
- iii) He saw the power of God in judgment and mercy, but he hardened his heart (Ex. 7:22; 8:32)
- iv) His last words: "Ye shall see my face no more" (Ex. 10:28)
- v) Moses turned his back on him (Ex. 10:6)
- vi) Judgment was settled and now it was only a matter of time (Ex. 11:1; 12:6-7, 12-13)
- vii) Saw his sons dead body (Ex. 12:29)
- viii) Too late

### c) People of Noah's day

- i) They had been warned:
  1. Methuselah, whose name means "When he shall die it shall be seen or come to pass", therefore by the time Noah was 500 years old God had been warning the people for 869 years. It was another 100 years before the flood came (Gen. 7:6) and Methuselah died when he was 969 years old. Therefore, God had warned by two means, the unknown death of Methuselah and the preaching of Noah.
  2. It is often said that Noah preached for 120 years. There is no scripture for such a teaching, (Gen. 6:3) does not indicate the duration of his preaching. Because it was only AFTER his sons were born he was told to build the ark (Gen. 6:10, 13-14) the most he could have preached for was 97 years.
- ii) The people did not believe in a coming flood, else they would have gone into the ark.
- iii) They lived under the condemnation of God (Gen. 6:13, 17)
- iv) They rejected the only way of salvation (Gen. 6:14-15)
- v) God shut them (Noah and his family) in (Gen. 7:16)
- vi) Judgment was settled and now it was only a matter of time (Gen. 7:4)
- vii) The rain began to fall, the foundations of the great deep were broken up (Gen. 7:11)
- viii) Too late to weep, etc.

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### d) **Belshazzar**

- i) A man to whom God spoke when judgment was about to fall, no time for repentance (Dan. 5:24-31)
- ii) How well he knew of God's humbling His grandfather Nebuchadnezzar (Dan. 5:20-23)
- iii) But how he mocked God in the use of the holy vessels (Dan. 5:3-4)
- iv) God spoke in the midst of revelry, the starkness of eternity became real (Dan. 5:5, 24-25)
- v) But this man had rejected the warnings and now God speaks condemnation (Dan. 5:24-31)

### 7) **The only words of God to the unsaved after death**

- a) The rich man in Hell:
  - i) His first plea: "Have mercy . . . send Lazarus . . . I am tormented in this flame" (Lk. 16:24)
    1. The response: "Between us and you there is a great gulf fixed" (Lk. 16:26)
  - ii) His second plea: "Send him to my fathers house . . . five brethren . . . lest they also come into this place of torment" (Lk. 16:27-28)
    1. The response: "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them" (Lk. 16:29)
  - iii) His third plea: "If one went unto them from the dead, they will repent" (Lk. 16:30)
    1. The response: "If they hear not Moses . . . neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead" (Lk. 16:31)
- b) The frightening reality:
  - i) There is no transference of place.
  - ii) And there is no repentance in this man, he knew it was too late
- c) A word from God to man in transit into the Lake of fire:
  - i) "Depart from me" (Matt. 7:23)
  - ii) The Great White Throne and not a recorded word from God (Rev. 20:11-15)

### 8) **One thing possibly more frightening than God speaking for the last time. It is the:**

- a) Ignorance of not knowing when that last time is.
- b) Ignorance is frightening:
  - i) Illustration: When in a lighthouse and without warning the fog horn blows. The noise would be frightening.
  - ii) When in the bush country and there is pitch blackness, the darkness would be frightening.
- c) The thunders, not told what they are, so frightening because of the unknown.

### 9) **What if this is the last time God will speak to you this side of eternity?**

- a) What if . . . . .
- b) The danger of neglecting salvation

### 10) **The decisions to be made**

- a) Will I listen while the Holy Spirit is speaking to my heart?
- b) Will I accept Christ as Saviour or reject Him, aware of the consequences if He never speaks again?

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**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.  
John 16:13**

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