

Intro

Funny Warning labels

Nytol a sleeping pill says it may cause drowsiness

A chainsaw had a label that said "do not hold wrong end of the chainsaw"

Gas caps for personal recreational vehicles such as jet skis and ATVs warn not to use an open flame or match to check the fuel level

Vidal Sassoon has/had a hair dryer with the warning label not to use while sleeping

A blow torch gas bottle had a sign that said contents may catch fire

A reflective cardboard sun shades for car dashboards warned not to drive with the sun shield in place

A carton of eggs had a label that read this product may contain eggs

A fabric marker had a label warning the user the Vanishing Fabric Marker should not be used as a writing instrument for signing checks or any legal documents

A clothes washer at a laundromat had a warning sign that said, "Do not put any person in this washer"

A Dremmel which is a rotary tool that has a high speed rotating end said, "This product is not intended for use as a dental drill"

A Superman costume said, "this costume does not enable flight or super strength"

A clothes iron warned, "Do not iron with clothes on body"

The greatest warning sign of all is the word of God. It is a sign to be obeyed

John Bunyan, "This Book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this Book."

Ps 19:11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

~ The transformations of the word enables the believe to live a holy and pure life

~ A holy life is a life free from the dominion of sin

We see a progress of flow in this chapter

1 God's glory is revealed in creation

2 God's glory is revealed in his word

3 God's glory is revealed in the life of the believer (their words and thoughts)

An acceptable believer in v14 sees the blessing of God's word, is warned by the word and becomes a satisfying (acceptable) child of god to the Father

Blessing – The word transforms our lives (v7-10)

Warning – The word warns our lives (v11-13)

Reward – The word makes us acceptable (v14)

Text

Warning

~ David Guzik speaks about the word warning us

- Warning is needed for sins we are susceptible to.
- Warning is needed for dangers we cannot see.
- Warning is needed for dangers we cannot appreciate.
- Warning is needed for dangers far off in the future.
- Warnings are often rejected.

~ We can add a bridge statement here to connect the importance of God word (v7-10) and its cleansing effect on our lives (v11-14)

~ The clearer our view of the law, the more manifest are our sins. (JFB)

~ Ironside, "I would have no way of testing myself if it were not for the Word."

~ We've seen where David was kept pure from sin and when we see when David was unholy and defended and covered up his sin

~ God restored David after his failures relating to the matte with Bathsheba but what blessings did David miss because is sinfulness

~ While I can read the passages on David's cover up of sin and wonder how and why he would do that we can probably look no further than our own lives and see/remember that we too have covered up sin

~ Perhaps even now we're living in unknown sin or covering up some sin in our lives that can be considered – errors, secret faults, presumptuous sins, or great transgression

~ When we live free from these sins we become a satisfying believer to God

~ There's a progression of sins here that lead a person away from God

~ Errors

- The word means moral mistakes
- Our violations of God's word
- This is a question in which the answer is clearly known
- This is more of an exclamation than a question of interrogation
- Means to wander, to go astray; then, to do wrong, to transgress. It refers here to wanderings, or departures from the law of God
- (Barnes) Hence, the importance of preaching the law, that sinners may be brought to conviction of sin; hence the importance of presenting it constantly before the mind of even the believer, that he may be kept from pride, and may walk humbly before God.
- The picture here is Isaiah 53:6, all we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way

~ We all have sins that are we do unaware and those that we commit we are aware of

~ Secret faults – Sins we're unaware of

- The first use of this word is in Gen 4:14 where Cain tells God he'll be hid from God's presence
- In Prov 25:2 it is the glory of the king to conceal a matter
- Ps 27:9; 69:17; 102:2; 143:7 David prays that God wouldn't hide his face from him
- Ps 51:9, David asks God to hide his sins from his face
- As we wander from God we're prone to sinfulness that we're unaware of
- Thou canst mark in me faults entirely hidden from myself.
- (Barnes) The word here rendered secret means that which is hidden, covered, concealed. The reference is to those errors and faults which had been hidden from the eye of him who had committed them, as well as from the eye of the world.
- There was a sacrifice for sins of ignorance
- In Lev 4:1,13; 5:2 there was a sacrifice to atone for sins committed unaware
- Secret sins are still sins. We're still accountable for them and not excused for committing them

~ Presumptuous sins – Sins we're aware of

- This is known sin
- Commentators refer to this as the sin of "the high hand," committed in a spirit of proud defiance
- Psa_86:14, Psa_119:21, Psa_119:51, Psa_119:69, Psa_119:78, Psa_119:85, Psa_119:122, Pro_21:24, Isa_13:11, Jer_43:2, Mal_3:15, Mal_4:1. The word is translated as proud in these verses
- Based on these verse this word is translated as proud and the proud here is always opposed to God, the people of God and will be punished by God
- The only other use of this Hebrew word is here in Ps 19:13 where its translated as presumptuous
- This is sin which flows out from pride
- A good word picture of this is when our children are young and we tell them not to do something and they look us in the eye and still do it anyway as if we should fear them
- This is sin we commit that we do willfully even when we know its wrong
- The word literally translates as out or from pride and arrogance
- This description seems contrasted with the secret faults just listed
- These are sins that flow out of pride
- The fact that these are sins we commit willfully means they willful sins
- While there was a sacrifice for sins of ignorance there isn't one for sins committed purposefully
- Deut 17:12 says that if a man sins presumptuously he should be put to death and out of Israel
- That verse shows us the seriousness with which God takes sin

- Guzik gives warning for presumptuous sins
 - Things that make sin presumptuous.
 - • • When we know better.
 - • • When friends have warned us.
 - • • When God Himself has warned us.
 - • • When we have warned others against the same sins.
 - • • When we plan and relish our sin.

~ Great Transgression

- Great = Much
- This is the accumulation of unknown and known sins

~ Satisfying – the word makes us acceptable to God (v14)

- The result of living pure & holy lives that are cleansed by the word is that we are an acceptable and satisfying believe to God
- The idea behind this word acceptable is that of a sacrifice offered up to God
- Adam Clarke, “Like a sacrifice without spot or blemish, offered up with a perfect heart to God.”
- Our words and thoughts are acceptable to God
- This deals with two dominant factors in our lives and they are connected
- What we think about is usually tied to what we say
- What we say is a reflection of the hearts thoughts
- Sometimes we speak before we think but even then we’re careful not to release all the information in our thought life. If we did we would definitely shock people
- Sometimes we’re not careful and let words slip through the filter and when we say them we can’t take them back and sometimes it hurts people, causes damage and hurts our reputation
- David recognized three titles for God as he closes this Psalm – Lord, Strength & Redeemer
 - Lord = The self-existent one
 - Strength = Rock
 - Redeemer – The idea of kinsman redeemer
- "The Word in the hand is fine; the Word in the head is better; but the Word in the heart is what transforms us and matures us in Christ (Psa_119:11; Co. 3:161-7)."
- The end goal of this passage is in v14. When we heed the warning of the word the reward is that we’ll be blessed acceptable to God

Conclusion

How do we let the word and not sin have dominion over us?

1 Have a consistent bible study habit (Ezra 7:10; 2 Tim 2:15; 3:16,17))

2 Ask the Lord to open our eyes to understand truth (Ps 119:18,130)

3 Be controlled (filled) by the HS (Eph 5:18)

4 Let the HS be our teacher (Jn 14:26)

- The HS is called the Spirit of Truth because he speaks truth (Joh_7:39, Joh_14:16-17, Joh_14:26, Joh_15:26)

5 Receive with meekness the word which is able to save your soul (Js 1:21)

6 Allow the HS as teacher to correct/warn our lives from hidden and known sin (Jn 16:7-11)

Indian Illustration of the conscience

~ Some Native American groups had a very interesting way of instilling their young people with the idea of what we call the conscience. They stated that there was a triangle within one’s chest. When he/she did something that was wrong, the triangle would turn once, cutting the heart. When that person did something else wrong, it would turn again, and the point of the triangle would cut the heart again.

~ However, they also taught that, over time, one could do so many things that were wrong that the triangle could turn and turn, but it would no longer hurt the heart, because it was now calloused.

What a wonderful way to picture the conscience!