

sanctification, and redemption. The taking of warning implies not only fleeing to Christ from danger and for safety, but also fleeing from sin. All those that take warning effectually, experience such a remarkable and complete change of views, sentiments, desires, and pursuits, as amounts to a new creation. They become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is the hating of sin with a perfect hatred, and the living of a life of new and holy obedience, and the pressing forward till the prize of a crown of resplendent and immortal glory be obtained. This will be taking warning from him who has been set over you as a watchman.

3. You are to be aware of taking offence at the sharp and piercing, the solemn and awful sounds of the warning voice that may be addressed to you. Your minister, in order to be faithful, must declare the whole counsel of God, whether you will hear, or whether you will forbear. He has been sworn to declare the truth, the whole truth, to keep back nothing. It is not pleasant, it is disagreeable, it is very painful for such as are sleeping the deep sleep of spiritual death, to be disturbed and alarmed with the loud and sudden, the terrific and awful cry of danger dreadful. But why should you be angry with him who would warn you of your danger? If your house were in flames, at the dead hour of midnight, and you in the most dreadful danger of perishing in its flames, would you be pleased with the watchman who should forbear to give the alarm, lest he should disturb you? No. You would be pleased, *well* pleased, however loudly and alarmingly he should sound the cry of danger, if it should be in time and loud enough to enable you to escape a fiery grave. You are exposed to a danger infinitely more awful than that which we have supposed, even the danger of perishing in everlasting and unquenchable fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. How, then, is it possible that you can be offended with him, who, with tender affection and love for your souls, would faithfully warn you to flee from such danger? Beware, lest by censuring and condemning the sentiments of the preacher, and taking offence at his