

God Does Not Sympathize With Those That Ignore Warnings

I. Introduction:

A. We know that God is merciful and long-suffering (**Psalms 86:15** and **Micah 7:18**).

1. He has proven such (**I Timothy 1:12-16**).
2. He has a very good reason for being merciful and long-suffering (**Romans 2:4** and **II Peter 3:9**).
3. We know that God desires people to change (**Luke 15:1-32**).

B. Sometimes though, people think they are going to get away with things when it comes to the Lord (**Ezekiel 9:9-10** and **Zephaniah 1:12**).

1. Sometimes they think so because judgment is not immediate (**Ecclesiastes 8:11**).
2. Yet, our long-suffering and merciful God is not a pushover (**Exodus 34:5-7**, **Numbers 14:18**, and **Nahum 1:2-3**).
3. Lest one think that God has somehow gotten softer since the death of Christ, think again (**Acts 17:30**).

II. Body: Our God Says You'll eat The Fruit Of Your Own Way (**Proverbs 1:20-33**).

A. When God calls and He is refused (**Zechariah 7:8-14**, **John 12:48**, and **Acts 3:20-23**).

1. The call is through the Gospel (**II Thessalonians 2:14**).
2. Consider: **Hebrews 12:24-29**
3. God says not to refuse His will (**Proverbs 8:32-33**).
4. He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul (**Proverbs 15:32**).

B. He will laugh at those who turn away His counsel (**Psalms 2:1-5** and **Psalms 37:12-15**).

1. The word translated "laugh" [קִּיץ] in **Proverb 1:26** means: "To laugh (in pleasure or detraction); by implication, to play: — deride, have in derision, laugh, make merry, mock(-er), play, rejoice, (laugh to) scorn, be in (make) sport" (Strong's # 7832).
2. Understand though, this is not pleasurable for our Lord (**Ezekiel 18:20-32**).
3. This is like the "I told you so" type of point (**II Corinthians 13:1-2**).

C. There is a time wherein one's call to God will go unanswered (**Jeremiah 7:13-29** and **Jeremiah 11:9-14**).

1. Some can walk too far to even come back for multiple reasons (**Jeremiah 5:23**, **Jeremiah 13:21-27**, **Hebrews 6:4-6**, **Hebrews 10:26-31**, and **II Peter 2:20-22**).
2. Definitely when one waits too long (**Matthew 25:1-13**).
3. Don't bank on the grace of God (**Romans 6:1-2** and **I Peter 4:17-19**).

D. But, if we hearken unto Him, good things are to come (**Psalms 119:2, Luke 11:28, Revelation 1:1-3, and Revelation 22:14**).

1. Obviously, eternal life is the best to come (**Jude 1:21**).
2. Additionally, on a spiritual note (**Romans 8:6**), full of joy (**John 15:10-11**).
3. Remember the Judgment Day (**John 5:28-29**).

III. Conclusion: **Proverbs 14:14** and **Galatians 6:7-9**