

HEED THE WARNING

Most of us have either experienced a devastating storm firsthand or know of someone who has. The resulting damage can often be life altering. Luckily, because of today's technology, government officials may be able to confidently issue evacuation orders in advance.

Interestingly enough, there are still those who refuse to heed the warnings that they are given – no matter how ominous – and remain right where they are. Those who stubbornly refuse to leave their homes inevitably have to be rescued from their roof tops by emergency crews.

Have you ever wondered why people act this way? By and large, most ignore these warnings simply because they don't believe anything will ever happen to them or they believe that they can wait just a little bit longer before evacuating.

Now we wouldn't be so foolish – certainly we wouldn't ignore warnings given to us – or would we? Just think for a moment about all of the times in life we have been warned about doing something, and we did it anyway. Our parents, our friends, our doctors all warned us about things and more often than not, we ignored them – and that's foolish and often dangerous. But even worse is when we ignore warnings from another "source – that being OUR LORD.

God warned Adam and Eve not to eat from a certain tree and that if they did, they would suffer dreadful consequences. They failed to heed His warning, and God's entire plan for the world was altered. He warned the people of Sodom and Gomorrah to change their sinful ways. They didn't and the cities were destroyed. Likewise the people at the time of Noah were warned to change their wicked ways. When they refused to do so, they experienced a flood worse than any hurricane ever caused.

But how do we react to Christ's stern words? Pretty much like those asked to evacuate before a hurricane: we either refuse to believe the warnings or we feel that there is plenty of time for us before we start paying attention to them. Oh, if that were only so!

Time will, one day, run out for all of us. Let us remember the most chilling warning our Lord gave us: "Watch, therefore, for you know not the hour when the Son of God will return." If we don't heed THIS warning no one will be able to rescue us.