

What are the consequences of not preaching the Gospel?

Shalom. May the name of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed. Welcome, servant of God, let us study the Bible together. Today we will learn a few important things concerning our responsibility to preach the Gospel.

The word *Gospel* means “Good News.” Any good message you deliver to someone can be called good news. There are many kinds of “gospels” in the world, but there is only one Gospel of salvation, also called “the Gospel of the Cross.”

The Gospel of the Cross is about Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was sent to take away the sin of the world. It concerns the salvation of mankind, who was lost in sin. And remember—all humanity was lost in sin, therefore this Gospel concerns every one of us.

After the Lord Jesus departed, it became necessary for the Gospel to be preached throughout the whole world to every creature. Every person must hear this Gospel of salvation and, by their own free will, choose LIFE or DEATH. For this reason, the Lord commanded His apostles, saying:

Mark 13:9-10

*“But take heed to yourselves; for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.*

*And the gospel must first be published among all nations.” —  
Mark 13:9-10*

He says it must be preached! That means it is mandatory. The Gospel must reach everywhere—whether in life or in death. Even if it costs one’s life, it must reach the people.

This is the responsibility given to all who have received Christ. We must preach the Gospel. God always uses people to preach the Gospel. He has chosen human beings to stand and represent Him. He does not use animals, nor angels, nor any other creature—He has chosen mankind!

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The Danger of Not Preaching the Gospel

There is a great danger in failing to preach the Gospel. There is a serious risk in not using the gift God has given you to preach to others.

The Lord saved you so that you may also help others. He did not save us merely for our own joy. Most of us did not receive Jesus through a personal appearance of Christ. We heard the Gospel preached somewhere by a servant of God, and through that preaching we were saved.

Therefore, not preaching the Gospel is a fault for anyone called a Christian.

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### The Gospel Is Contagious

This is God's order—we must hear it from someone. And likewise, we must preach to others who will hear from us. It is like a chain: one gives birth to another in faith, and that one to another, and so on.

But if you are saved and refuse to “bear others,” there is great danger.

Let us return to the Bible and read about the prophet Ezekiel. He was a true prophet of God and was among the captives taken to Babylon. While there, God appeared to him in a vision—seated on His throne, surrounded by seraphim and cherubim. He heard the very voice of God.

God sent him to tell the children of Israel about their sins, their rebellion, and what would happen if they did not repent.

However, after receiving the vision, he remained silent. Not because he despised God—no! He feared to speak. He was grieved and angry in his heart because of the evil among his people, but he hesitated for seven days without speaking.

After seven days, the word of the Lord came to him again and strongly warned him for not delivering the message.

Let us read:

Ezekiel 3:15-19

*“Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, that dwelt*

*by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days. And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning... the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked... he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.” — Ezekiel 3:15-19*

Do you see?

After Ezekiel heard that the blood of the sinner would be required at his hand if he failed to warn them, he understood there was no room for delay in delivering God’s message. From that time forward, whatever he was shown, he delivered faithfully.

He knew he would be held accountable.

## A Personal Warning

Brother, if the Lord shows you visions to warn people about their sins and you do not tell them—learn from Ezekiel. If you know the Word and do not share it, there is danger.

It is better to warn them and let them reject it by their own will, than to remain silent. If someone dies in their sin without being warned, how will you stand?

If you know that adulterers and fornicators will go to hell unless they repent—and you yourself are not living in that sin—why not warn them? Tell them so they may be saved. Changing them is not your responsibility. Your responsibility is to preach.

But if you yourself are living in the same sin, then do not preach to them—you need salvation first. The blind cannot lead the blind. The Bible says so.

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## Take Action Today

If you used to preach—start again today.

If you were afraid to speak about the last days—begin now.

Ezekiel feared more than you, but when he heard that their blood would be required at his hand, he changed immediately. Do the same. The Lord will help you.

There is great danger in not preaching the Gospel.

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If You Are Not Yet Saved

If you are not saved, repent today. The door of grace is still open—but it will not remain open forever.

You have read what happens to the one who dies in sin.

Let us read again:

*“Yet if thou warn the wicked... he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.” — Ezekiel 3:19*

Today you have heard the Gospel. If you refuse to repent, you will die in your sins. And the consequence of dying in sin is the lake of fire.

Wherever you are, ask the Lord for forgiveness. Repent of your fornication, drunkenness, lies, bribery, gossip, theft, and abusive speech. Seek proper baptism if you have not been baptized. The Holy Spirit will cleanse you and make you complete.

*“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.” — Mark 1:15*

May the Lord bless you.

Shalom.

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