## 1 May 2022

## Be aware, or beware!

2 Peter 2:4-11

<sup>4</sup> For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them deep into hell, placing them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment; 5 if He did not spare the ancient world when He brought the flood on its ungodly people, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, among the eight; <sup>6</sup> if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction. reducing them to ashes as an example of what is coming on the ungodly; <sup>7</sup> and if He rescued Lot, a righteous man distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless <sup>8</sup> (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard) -9 if all this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.

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10 Such punishment is specially reserved for those who indulge the corrupt desires of the flesh and despise authority. Bold and self-willed, they are unafraid to slander glorious beings. 11 Yet not even angels, though greater in strength and power, dare to bring such slanderous charges against them before the Lord.

Be aware, or beware of
God's
God's justice begins in foundations of Your throne. Ps.89:14
God's justice is seen in
God's justice is still
Be aware of God's
Mercy is found by people Walk in obedience, 1 Kings 2:3 His commands are 1 John 5:3
Mercy is for people
God's mercy is still
Be aware, or beware of ungodly
Beware of self
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## My prayer priorities for this week

- S 1 Val A. Lorraine B. Lord's Supper
- M 2 Stuart & Kaye. Hour of Power
- T 3 Clarence and Irene
- W 4 Jim C. Lerida. Go deeper at Padstow
- T 5 Robert & Dianne
- F 6 Lurline & Terry
- S 7 Joy D. Mary F.
- S 8 Rosalie & Jim D

## Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

- 1. Why are the terms 'Be aware' and 'Beware' so similar?
- 2. With Noah and Lot, why did God save only the people but allow the possessions of godly people to be destroyed?
- 3. How did Lot feel about his surroundings (v7-8)? Why do you think people stay in toxic situations?
- 4. The Lord knows how to rescue the devout (v9). What do the devout need to know in order to be rescued?
- 5. There is a coming Day of Judgment (v9). Why doesn't God punish every sin immediately? Why is God waiting for a future date?
- 6. What lessons do we learn from the judgment against angels occurring before the judgment against people?

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