

## The Warning of a Snowstorm

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On a cold morning in January, I left the house for my daily 3-mile walk to the American Legion Post 442 in Cambridge, MA. It was not an ordinary day—the night before, the entire Greater Boston area was blanketed by nearly a foot of snow! As I made my way, I looked up to survey the vastness of white as far as the eye can see. There were no cars on the road except for the occasional snow plow. Children were outside sledding down makeshift snow-banked hills. As I observed this classic New England winter scene, I thought about how the entire week was filled with warnings that there would be more than 8 inches of snow. The Massachusetts government declared a snow emergency, meaning no vehicles can be parked on major roadways. Regular mail delivery would be canceled. The city was going to be effectively shut down until the snowfall stopped.

Facing a blizzard is intimidating. Given enough advance notice, however, we can prepare for its coming. Like the warning of snowstorms, the Bible tells us to be ready for the judgment to come. It warns us against living in disobedience to the Word of God.



Walking in a snowstorm, January 29, 2022

In the beginning, God warned Adam of the reality of death if he disobeys Him (Genesis 2:16-17); in the days of Noah, God warned of an impending flood: "...the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Genesis 6:5-8). God would provide a way out of the problem of sin—through His Son Jesus Christ, who came down to earth to save us from sin and death. Christ died and rose from the grave. He overcame death to give us the gift of eternal life. The Bible is filled with warnings that unless we repent and turn from our sin, we cannot become children of God. It is through our faith in Jesus Christ that we may enter our eternal home as heavenly citizens (John 1:12-13; 3:16-21; Philippians 3:2-21).

Facing judgment is intimidating. Given His Son Jesus Christ, however, we can trust God's divine love and justice. God is patient and He is waiting for us to repent of our sin (2 Peter 3:9-13). The Bible says, "And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment..." (Hebrews 9:27-28). Are you taking God's judgment seriously? The Bible gives us enough warnings, as much as a weather report prepares us for a coming snowstorm. Are you confident that when you die, you will be at home with the Lord Jesus? Are you ready for the Second Coming of Christ, the true and righteous Judge? May we all be ready and let us pray each and every day—Maranatha, Come, Lord Jesus!