

Shall Surely Die Genesis 2:17.

Adam and Eve were given one rule, just one. Don't eat the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. The warning as to why was simple, you'll surely die. From what we can tell that until tempted, Adam and Eve didn't struggle with this. They had no reason to, they didn't even know how to rebel. Yet with some mild deception and light temptation they quickly transgressed the one rule their creator gave them.

I have heard atheists joke about this. "Why would God even put that there if it was so bad?". This is a ridiculous question. Why give the animals teeth if they could bite us? Why make things so tall we could fall off? This world has countless things that are both beautiful and dangerous at the same time. The sun warms us and keeps life going on this planet, but it can also give us cancer. We need water to live, but we can drown. Mountains are beautiful, but if you fall off them that's the end for you. The question isn't why put something dangerous in creation, it's why would we be reckless around it?

"Adam and Eve didn't even die like God said!", they might claim too. They are wrong there too. When they had to run sobbing from the Garden while angels hung on the entrance like an eviction notice, they died a little. Day after day, year after year of raising crops and kids they were dying slowly as the curse did it's work on their bodies. As they stood over the grave of Abel they died a little. Many things died and then eventually they did too. Death is still dogging us today. As I write this I am thinking of a funeral I am supposed to be at. Our relationship with God died, the things around us started to die, and death started coming for us too.

All this considered we need to understand how dangerous it is to ignore the warnings of God. The Bible is full of warnings about certain behaviors and attitudes. Things that can ruin our lives, our walk with God and hurt others if we do them. We are fools if we ignore God's warnings. He has always been right. Many preachers speak loud and often about the "thou shalt and thou shalt not" and they are right to do so. Sin always does what it does. It kills, steals and separates.

It's sad that so many despise these warnings. When you see a sign that says "Wet Paint" do you see it as a personal attack? That someone stuck it to that park bench to deny you the comfort of a seat? When you see the tag on a hair dryer imploring you not to use it in the shower do you come to the conclusion that some old engineer is just trying to slow down your morning routine? I would hope not! When the warnings and commands in scripture are given they are not given to ruin your fun, but to prolong your life and keep you from the chastening hand of God!

Conclusion: Adam and Eve found out the hard way what happens when God isn't taken seriously. As my Pastor always says "You don't have to stick your head in a trashcan to know it stinks!". The Bible and the world around you provides sufficient examples enough for you to understand that God is to be obeyed. Heed the warnings found in scripture. You need to repent and believe Jesus Christ, you need His perfect atonement for your salvation. Once you are saved you need to get into the Bible and learn every way He has instructed us. Heeding every warning and doing every thing He commands! We will fail at life any other way.