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This means to reject God is the same thing as rejecting Jesus Christ and this is also the same thing as rejecting the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The scriptures declare that Jesus Christ came to die for the sins of the whole world. This was declared through the news or gospel. By believing the gospel, the salvation of mankind is guaranteed and this leads to eternal life with God.

But what then will be the consequences of rejecting God, Jesus or the gospel? Let’s find out from the scriptures (Bible).

(1) **Condemnation** (John 3:18, Mark 16:16): Jesus Christ said whosoever does not believe on Him will be condemned. That means condemnation is awaiting as many as would not accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and then forsake their sins. It is instructive to know that even now, the world and all who reject the good news of God or the gospel, are already condemned, just waiting for the final punishment to be handed down by the Lord Jesus Christ.

(2) **Wrath of God** (John 3:36, Psalm 79:6, Rom. 2:8, Rev. 19:15): The wrath of God is the accumulation of His anger. This wrath will come upon those who reject the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing will be able to turn it (wrath) away after the final judgment – no more prayer, good works or fasting. The wrath of God is terribly fierce and bitter. No human being can bear it (Rev. 6:17).

(3) **Destruction** (Jere. 12:17, 2 Thess. 2:8, 2 Thess. 1:8-9, 1 Thess. 5:3): There is a popular saying that, “*He who destroys another to succeed shall have destruction waiting for him at the door of success*”. Certainly there is destruction awaiting those who will not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. It may even come suddenly when they think they are having peace, because the Bible says “there is no peace to the wicked (Isaiah 57:21).

(4) **Judgment and Fiery Indignation** (Hebrews 10:27; 9:27, Rom. 2:5,8): The scriptures have declared that after death, what follows is judgment. But what kind of judgment? For those who obeyed the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, it will be a righteous judgment of reward. But for those who rejected and disobeyed the gospel, God’s indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish.

(5) **Vengeance** (2 Thess. 1:8, Rom. 12:19): The Bible says in flaming fire, God will take vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is certain, because the word of God is true. Whatever the LORD says He would do, surely He will.

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Friend, you have seen from above, the consequences of rejecting Christ. What are you going to do about the gospel now that you are still alive? Do you think the Bible is speaking in vain? Should you not do something to avoid the danger ahead? Just take a look at this scripture: Zephaniah 1:14-18. Read the entire verses meditatively and then allow God to speak to you.

You see, this is not the time to speak volume of words. This is the time of reality. You are stark naked before the almighty God, and there is no where to hide when the day of the LORD comes (Isaiah 2:19; Rev. 6:16).

Don't you know living in sin is no more fashionable? That which you have been doing since you were young till now, aren't you tired of them?

You know there is no peace within you despite the fact that you have all that money can buy. You know you don't really want to continue in that ungodly way, but there is something that keeps urging you on. You know the difference between what is good and evil. You always find yourself tending towards doing that which is evil and detrimental to your fellow man or woman. You know that you are tired of your own way of life, yet you still try to cover up with "boozing, jiving, womanizing and tobacco puffing".

Now listen, real men and women, real "guys and gals" no longer do those things you know! The real people now seek for the truth that gives peace and real joy. You cannot find peace and joy in those bottles and sticks man! Whatever "hi" or "lacuna" you get from them are momentary and transient. They ain't do you no good!

Now the real thing is **JESUS!** He only can give the best "booze" that satisfies. He is my man any day, all day, any time, all time, any where, every where. He is unbeatable in every area of life. He holds the aces for everything. Want to try Him?

Here's a prayer you can say now if you mean to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, for the rest of your life....

Father, God, I am sorry for all my wrong ways. Forgive me, and thank You, Lord Jesus, for dying on the Cross to take away my sins. Please come into my life, giving me Your love, peace and the joy forever.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

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