

*"And God Looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted His Way upon the earth. And God Said unto Noah, 'The end of all flesh is come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I Will Destroy them with the earth. **Make Thee An Ark** of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the Ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch." Genesis 6:12-14 KJV*



These are perilous times for Faith. "By Faith Noah, being Warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an Ark to the saving of his house." God, Faith, and the faithful, have become the targets of extreme,

unreasonable hatred. Religions of hate, works, and self are enslaving men by leaps and bounds on the planet! Isn't it wonderful to know Truth sets us free from the bondage of our own works and reason? Faith puts Christ's Finished Work on my account. "For by Grace Are ye Saved Through Faith." Noah believed God so fervently, he spent 120 years building a monster water craft on dry land! He was mocked, ridiculed, and ignored, but not deterred. He made his family ready for the Promised Judgment. Have we secured our families? The biggest mistake believers make is to try and evangelize the world while neglecting their family. Isn't family part of "the world?" We tend to neglect those closest, because they readily detect inconsistencies in our faith. If we would "draw nigh to God," we wouldn't have to "fake it" with our family. If the Gospel of the Lord Jesus is to be spread to the world, reaching our family comes first. Jesus Said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Family is our Jerusalem. If we must reach our neighbors and cities for Christ, shouldn't our family be first? Isn't their eternal safety our primary obligation? Noah convinced his family even in the face of extreme opposition; a daunting endeavor, to say the least, but when Judgment Fell, they were safe!

*"Make thee an ark." Thus said the Lord,  
And preach the Gospel to the world,  
If we neglect our loved one's need,  
Then we are infidels in deed. –CGP*

Pitch is vital in wooden boats. Steel hulls are welded. Tiny leaks eventually sink any boat. Dry docks are used regularly to clean and scrutinize boat hulls for leaks. They even use x-rays on steel hulls to find hidden weaknesses. God's Word is the dry dock for Life and Faith is the pitch! Sin will seep in unnoticed through cracks of doubt while apathy rusts our Faith! We must seal doubt with faithful obedience: "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience The Race that Is Set before us: Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our Faith;" and keep apathy's rust away with constant prayer and confession. "Pray without ceasing. If we confess our sins, He Is Faithful And Just To Forgive...And Cleanse." Are your seams sealed? Does doubt allow sin to sink you? Are you "moved with fear" of God's Coming Wrath or does "the fear of man" snare you with apathy? Do you regularly "dry dock" in God's Word?

*"But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the Faith, and is worse than an infidel." 1 Timothy 5:8 KJV*