

“Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.” 1 Peter 3:20 KJV

If you're with the crowd, you go to darkness and death! *“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”* Think of Noah, shut into the ark with his family. Only eight souls out of a population of probably millions were saved from the flood. It took Noah a hundred and twenty years to build the Ark, all the while warning of



of the coming destruction. I once saw a demonstration of a model of Noah's Ark built to the ratios of Scripture and it looked like a shoe box. It was explained that even with all the known and extinct species on earth occupying the Ark, there would still have been enough room for over 3000 more people. God's Word says, *“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; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.”* It was Noah's trust in God's warning of things NOT seen that saved him and his. Believers today are few in comparison to the world's population and they warn of things NOT seen which by faith in God's Word they have believed. No one had ever seen rain in Noah's day. Most assume that it did, but not so. *“For the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth...but there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.”* So when Noah warned of rain and flood, human reason of the day thought him peculiar and disregarded his warning. I wonder what they were thinking when the flood waters closed over their heads? *“Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died...and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.”* If believers think to win the world by being friends of the world, they do so to the damnation of their friends and the destruction of their fellowship with God. *“Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.”* If Noah had participated in the worldliness that surrounded him, the Ark would have been unfinished the day of the flood. When we dabble in wickedness, we do so at the peril of our family. Don't think you can play with fire and not be burned! If the fire of your desire is not fueled by a love of God and Truth, you will be consumed and destroyed by that fire! Look at any drug addict and you will know I speak the Truth. Drugs and alcohol are not the only things that addict human desire. Every sin is a potential addiction unless repented of and forsaken by faith and obedience to God's Word and we all know what our particular vice is. *“Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us.”* No one is immune!

The path of Truth is narrow, straight,
And there be few that try its gate,
God's Judgment Day will never wait,
For those who doubt and hesitate! ~CGP

If you follow your lust, you follow the crowd. Don't be true to yourself: be true to Christ! Self is the snare that caused Lucifer's fall. *“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will*

exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.’ Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.” He worshipped himself instead of God! Who is it that you worship? What path do you follow? Which gate have you chosen? *“God hath commanded men everywhere to repent.”* If you do not obey God’s Word, you have NOT repented! Repentance is obedience of God’s Word. Have you read it for yourself? How can you intelligently obey what you do not know? Will you trust your eternal soul to hearsay, a pastor, or priest? *“Whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire.”* Is your name in God’s Book of Life? Are you positive? God’s Word tells us how. When the Lake of Fire swallows men’s souls, they will only be able to blame themselves! John, the Apostle, wrote, *“These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; THAT YE MAY KNOW that ye have Eternal Life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”* Is Jesus Christ your one and only hope of Heaven? You better be sure! Jesus IS the *“Word made flesh”*; the Word of God. He said *“Thy Word is Truth...I am the Truth.”* If your thoughts are not ordered by your knowledge of God’s Word, you do not KNOW Truth! Get yourself a reliable translation of God’s Word in your mother tongue (I recommend the King James for English) and read, study, learn it, and tell others!

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the TRUE worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in Truth (God’s Word): for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in Truth.” John 4:23-24 KJV

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