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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Hebrews 11:7
- b) The devil hates family religion, yet the Bible is full of it.
- c) In the book of Acts when someone was saved, they had a burden for their entire house.
 - i) Acts 10:1-11:14
 - (1) An angel told Cornelius to send for Simon Peter, who would tell him and his household how to be saved.
 - ii) Acts 16:14-15
 - (1) A woman named Lydia (the church at Philippi began in her house) believed on the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - (2) Lydia was saved, and other members of her house were saved and baptized the same day.
 - iii) Acts 16:27-34
 - (1) The Philippian jailer asked Paul and Silas what he must do to be saved.
 - (2) They told him to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and he would be saved and his house.
 - (a) That is, everyone in his household needed to be saved.
 - (b) They all received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord and were baptized.
- d) Hebrews 11:7
 - i) When Noah prepared the ark, the Bible says that he prepared it to the saving of his house.
 - (1) All of those in Noah's family were saved.
 - (2) They came to know the Lord because of the leadership of their dad.
 - (3) Genesis 7:1
 - (4) Noah went into the ark with his wife and his sons and his sons' wives.
 - (a) All eight of them were saved.
- e) There is a great emphasis in the Bible on household salvation.
- f) In this message, we will look at how Noah got his family into the ark and how we can get our families into the ark of safety, which is a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- g) Hebrews 11:7
- h) Many people think that the story of Noah and the ark is a fictional story, but it was an actual happening.
 - i) All of the great civilizations have a record of the flood.
 - ii) The Lord Jesus Christ believed in the flood.
 - (1) Matthew 24:37-39
 - iii) We have in Genesis 6 a factual happening, but it is also an illustration of salvation and how parents can get their children into the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our ark of safety.
- i) Matthew 24:37
 - i) What were the days of Noah like?
 - (1) Genesis 6:1-3

- (a) They disregarded God and went their own sinful way.
 - (b) There was conflict with the Spirit of God.
 - (i) The mind of man went against the will and the Spirit of God.
 - (2) They were days of apostasy.
 - (a) Genesis 6:1-3
 - (b) They went against the Spirit of God.
 - (c) They co-mingled with that which was ungodly.
 - (3) They were days of anarchy.
 - (a) Genesis 6:4
 - (b) The people were not mighty to serve God.
 - (i) They were mighty to serve wickedness.
 - (c) Genesis 6:5-7
 - (i) God was heartbroken over the sins of this generation.
 - (ii) The anarchy can be summed up in verse 5.
 - 1. The word “imagination” does not mean daydreams.
 - a. It comes from a Hebrew root word which means “to fashion something as a potter would fashion a vessel.”
 - b. There was scheming and philosophizing.
 - (d) This was a generation whose heart and mind were set against God.
 - (i) They fashioned wicked philosophies.
 - (ii) They espoused filthy causes.
 - (iii) They tried to pour society into their mold.
 - 1. This is exactly what is happening today.
 - 2. They tried to reshape society.
 - 3. The same sins that produced the flood in Noah’s day are reaching to Heaven today.
- (4) They were days of apathy.
 - (a) They married and were giving in marriage.
 - (b) They were buying and selling.
 - (c) They knew not until the flood came.
 - (d) This is like our generation.
 - (i) We have a generation that rolls over and yawns in the face of God.
 - (ii) The pleasure palaces are filled on Sundays.
 - 1. People are not in the house of God.
 - (iii) They care not for the things of God.
- j) We are living on the threshold of a greater judgment than what Noah knew.
- k) Our children face the same things that were faced in Noah’s day:
 - i) Apostasy
 - ii) Anarchy
 - iii) Apathy
 - (1) These are the marks of the last days.
- l) In the face of all of this, Captain Noah got his kids on board the ark.

- m) In today's message, we will look at three things concerning Noah's ark and how it is a picture of salvation.
 - i) When we look at the ark, we will see what we have in the Lord Jesus.
 - ii) This is not happenstance.
 - (1) Simon Peter clearly tells us in the New Testament that the ark of Noah is a picture, a prophecy, and a type of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - (a) 1 Peter 3:20-21

2) THE SYMBOLISM OF THE ARK (GENESIS 6:12-16, 21)

- a) Genesis 6:12-14
- b) The substance of the ark:
 - i) The ark was made out of gopher wood.
 - (1) Gopher wood is cypress, which is perhaps the most incorruptible of all of the woods.
 - ii) The Lord Jesus Christ is pictured in the Bible as a tree.
 - (1) One who will grow up as a root out of dry ground.
 - (a) Isaiah 53:2
 - (2) Psalm 1:3 speaks of the righteous as a tree planted by the rivers of water.
 - (a) Cypress is a tree planted by rivers of water.
 - iii) The wood speaks of the humanity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- c) The safety of the ark:
 - i) Genesis 6:14
 - (1) To "pitch" it means to put tar on the outside and on the inside of the ark.
 - (a) The tar was called "pitch."
 - (b) This was to keep the water out.
 - ii) The water was God's judgment.
 - (1) The pitch would keep the judgment out.
 - iii) The Hebrew word for "pitch" is translated over seventy times in the Bible as "atonement."
 - (1) When the Bible speaks of blood in the Old Testament, it says that the blood will make an atonement for your soul.
 - (a) We could read it as "the blood will make pitch for your soul."
 - iv) God told Noah to build the ark and to put atonement on the outside and on the inside.
 - (1) The atonement of the blood keeps the judgment out.
 - (2) Not one drop of judgment can come through this ship.
 - (a) This pictures the Lord Jesus Christ.
- d) The sufficiency of the ark:
 - i) Genesis 6:14-15
 - ii) Rooms were to be in the ark.
 - (1) The rooms were for people to stay in.
 - iii) There was three million cubic feet of space in the ark.

- (1) There was room for everything that it was meant to hold.
- iv) Today, there is room on board for you.
- e) The shape of the ark:
 - i) Genesis 6:15
 - ii) It didn't have a prow because it didn't have a helm.
 - (1) No human hands steered this ship because it didn't have a destination.
 - (a) God was in charge of where that boat went.
 - iii) It was blunt at both ends.
 - iv) The dimensions of the ark were the dimensions of an ancient coffin.
 - (1) We die with Christ that we might live with Him.
 - v) When Noah went into the ark, the world that was under judgment was sealed out to Noah, and Noah was sealed into God.
 - (1) I'm crucified with Christ that I might live with the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - (a) Galatians 2:20
 - vi) Ancient people made their coffins out of cypress wood.
- f) The structure of the ark:
 - i) Genesis 6:16
 - ii) The ark had three floors.
 - (1) This speaks of the humanity of our Lord (body, soul, and spirit) and the tri-unity of His nature (we worship one God in three Persons).
 - iii) On the side of the ark was a door, and at the top of the ark was a window.
 - (1) God controlled the door; Noah controlled the window.
 - (2) God put Noah in the ark, and God shut the door.
 - (3) Noah was closed in so that the only way he could look was up.
 - iv) The ark was a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - (1) When Noah went into the ark, his view was Heavenward.
 - (2) We know God through Christ.
 - (a) When we come into the ark (God brings us in as God controls the door), we can pull back the window and look into the face of God.
 - (3) God showed Noah that he was no longer to be worldly-minded, but he was to be Heavenly-minded.
 - (a) He had entered into the Lord Jesus Christ, the ark of safety.
- g) The sustenance of the ark:
 - i) Genesis 6:21
 - ii) When the Lord Jesus saves us, He invites us to His table.
 - iii) There is shelter and sustenance in the ark.
 - (1) Not only does Jesus save, but He also satisfies.
- h) The schedule of the ark:
 - i) Genesis 8:4
 - ii) The seventh month on the Jewish calendar is the month of April.
 - (1) The Ark came to rest on April 17.
 - (a) This was three days after Passover.
 - (2) This is resurrection day.

- iii) Jesus Christ came out of the grave on the same day that the ark came to rest upon Mt. Ararat.
 - (1) Jesus stood in resurrection upon the Earth, having gone through the waters of judgment, just as the ark did so long ago.
 - i) In the Old Testament, God gave us a picture of the salvation that we have in the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - j) Our Lord is seated at the right hand of the Majesty on High, having let the billows of judgment roll over Him.
 - i) And He has not lost one who has come to Him.
- 3) THE SALVATION OF THE ARK (EPHESIANS 2:8-10)
- a) There are three key prepositions in this passage:
 - i) By
 - ii) Through
 - iii) Unto
 - (1) By grace, through faith, unto good works.
 - b) Salvation is by grace.
 - i) Genesis 6:8
 - (1) This is the first mention of grace in the Bible.
 - ii) How did Captain Noah and his kids get saved?
 - (1) By grace.
 - iii) Grace is God's incredible and indescribable love that causes Him to love us when we don't deserve to be loved.
 - (1) Romans 5:8
 - iv) Salvation is a covenant of grace.
 - (1) Genesis 6:18
 - v) We are not saved by good works.
 - (1) We are not saved by joining a church, giving our money, getting baptized, nor by obeying the Ten Commandments.
 - vi) Salvation is not a reward for the righteous; it is a gift for the guilty.
 - (1) Noah was not saved because he was a good man.
 - (a) He was saved by the grace of God.
 - (2) If you go to Heaven, then it will only be because God and grace have prepared an ark of safety for you, which is the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - c) Salvation is through faith.
 - i) Hebrews 11:7
 - (1) By grace was God's part.
 - (2) Faith was Noah's part.
 - ii) Genesis 7:1
 - (1) The ark was completed, and the Lord said to Noah, "Come."
 - iii) When Noah walked up the gangplank, that was faith.
 - (1) Faith is the gangplank that gets us on board the good ship Grace.
 - iv) God gave Noah a picture of grace.
 - (1) He prepared for Noah an ark of safety.

- (2) He wanted Noah to come.
 - (3) Noah responded, "Just as I am, I come."
 - d) Unto good works.
 - i) Genesis 9:1
 - ii) They were not saved because they were fruitful, multiplied, and replenished the Earth.
 - (1) They were fruitful, multiplied, and replenished the Earth because they were saved.
 - iii) Noah was not saved by being fruitful; he was fruitful because he had been saved.
 - (1) It was unto good works.
 - iv) Fruit is not the cause of our salvation; it is the sign of our salvation.
 - (1) We are not saved by faith and works.
 - (2) We are saved by faith that works.
 - v) Noah was so grateful for what God had done for him that he took God at His word to be fruitful and to multiply.
 - e) How did Captain Noah get his kids aboard?
 - i) Ephesians 2:8-10
- 4) THE SECURITY OF THE ARK (GENESIS 7:1, 16; EPHESIANS 1:13)
- a) Genesis 7:1, 16
 - b) Who sealed the door?
 - i) The Lord did.
 - ii) Noah went in, and God shut the door behind him.
 - c) The Bible says that after we believe in the Lord Jesus, then we are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.
 - i) Ephesians 1:13
 - ii) God shuts us in.
 - d) Not only did God shut the water out, but God also shut Noah in.
 - i) This is the reason we believe in the eternal security of the believer.
 - e) God said to Noah, "Come into the ark;" He didn't say, "Go into the ark."
 - i) What is the difference?
 - (1) If I say to you, "Go into that room," then that means I am out here, and you go in there.
 - (2) But if I say, "Come into this room," then that means I am in here and to come in with me.
 - ii) If the ark had gone down, then God would have gone down because God was in the ark.
 - f) We lose our salvation when Jesus Christ loses His relationship with the Father because we are in Christ.
 - i) 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - ii) If we are saved, then we are in Christ as Noah was in the ark.
 - (1) We are shut into Christ, as Noah was shut into that ark.
 - g) What if we slip and fall?

- i) Noah may have fallen down many times in the ark, but he never fell out of it.
 - (1) He could not fall out because God had shut him in.
- h) Some people believe that they will be kept saved by just holding on.
 - i) They will say something like, “Pray for me that I will hold out faithful to the end.”
 - ii) Suppose God had told Noah to put eight pegs on the outside of the ark.
 - (1) One for Noah, one for Mrs. Noah, and one for each of their sons and their sons’ wives.
 - (2) When it started to rain, they were to hold onto the pegs.
 - (a) Their feet would dangle, the water would rise, and it would be rough.
 - (3) If they could hold on until the water went down, they would be saved.
 - (a) This is the kind of salvation some people think they have.
 - iii) Some think that they are saved by holding onto Him, but actually we are saved because He holds onto us.
 - (1) No one is able to take us from the Father’s hands.
 - (a) John 10:29
- i) Some believe that they will get eternal security once they go to Heaven.
 - i) How do you know you are safe just because you are in Heaven?
 - (1) The angels fell from Heaven.
 - ii) Security is not a place; security is in a person, and His name is Jesus.
 - (1) If you are in Christ, then you are secure.
 - (2) If you are not in Christ, then whether you are in Heaven above or not, you would not be secure.

5) CONCLUSION

- a) The Bible says that by faith, Noah prepared an ark to the saving of his house.
 - i) Hebrews 11:7
- b) Have you led your children to Jesus?
- c) Do you know, not that your child is a church member, but that he knows the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior?
- d) Genesis 7:1
 - i) Is all the crew on board?
- e) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- f) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16