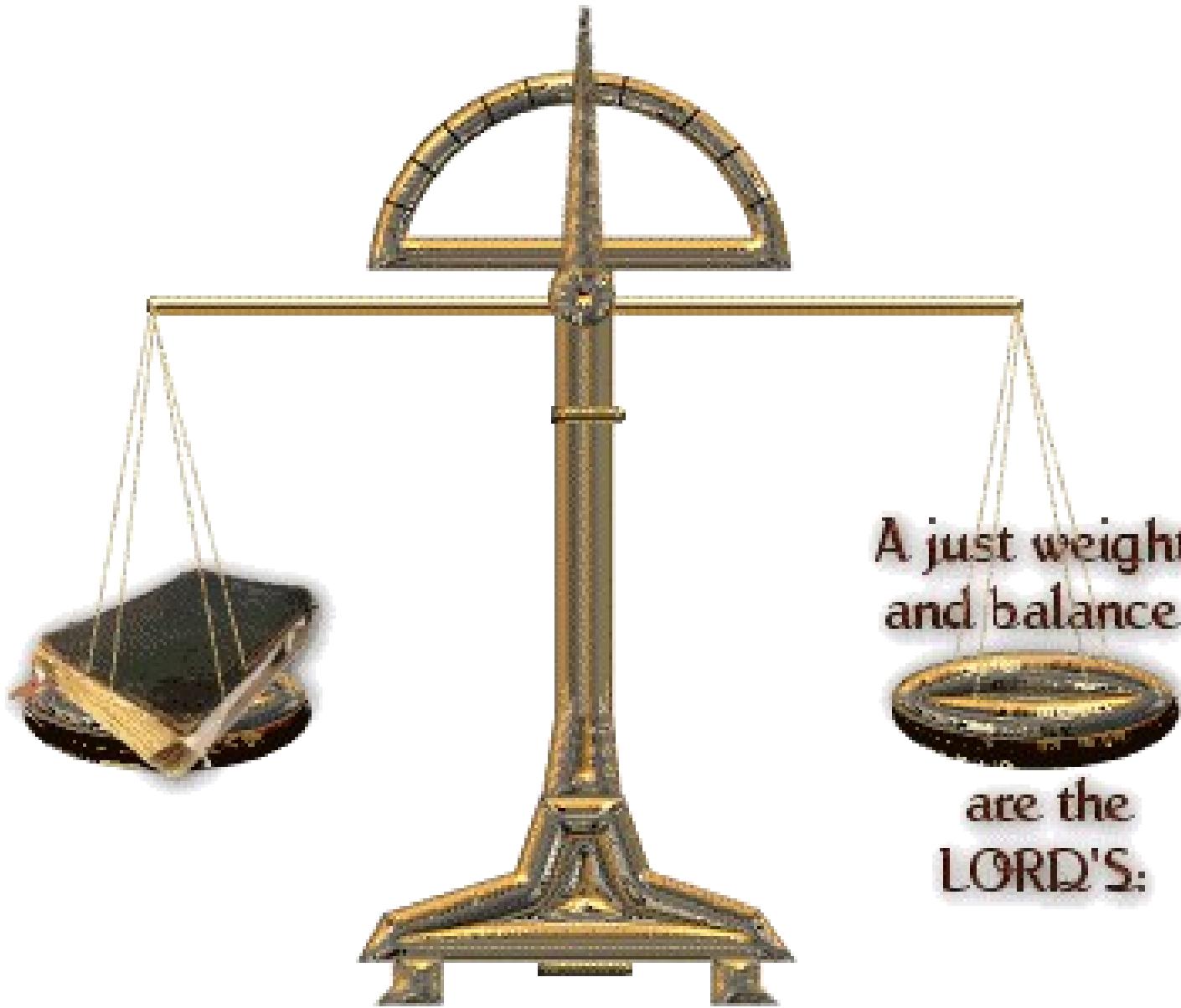


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Thus saith the Lord..

•THE ARK
AND
THE CHURCH

- Whenever the Flood is mentioned
 - a dozen questions come rushing to our minds.
 - Did the Flood really occur?
 - Was there really an ark, and was it large enough to hold all the animals?
 - The questions go and on.

- Hollywood turns this story of Noah and the Flood **into an extravaganza of terror.**
 - The cameras zoom in on **weeping mothers,** **crazed animals,** **crashing buildings** and other **fantasies** of horror.

- But, in Scripture,
the Great Flood
is not
the center of attention;
- It is the story of
one man
and his family.

- This is not an account of **world disaster**
 - It is the story of **survival.**
 - **Why** did Noah survive the Flood?
 - That is the **supreme question.**

- Romans 15:4

For whatever things
were written before were
written for our learning,
that we through the
patience and comfort of
the Scriptures
might have hope.

- There are so many things that we can learn from the **Old Testament.**
- This morning we will be comparing the similarities between the **Ark** and the **Church.**

- Genesis 6:5

And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and *that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

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6:6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

- Genesis 6:7-8

**6:7 And the LORD said,
I will destroy man whom I have
created from the face of the
earth; both man, and beast, and
the creeping thing, and the
fowls of the air; for it repenteth
me that I have made them.**

- 6:8 But Noah found grace
in the eyes of the LORD.

- The ark was
God's plan
for the
redeeming of
Noah
and
his family.

- **Likewise, the church**
was not conceived
by any human mind.
 - Like the ark,
it is seen as **unnecessary** and **silly**.
 - It just didn't make sense **in the eyes of the world.**

- Let us now look at a few **comparisons** between the ark and the church.

- Noah was told use one material to build the ark.
- Genesis 6:14
" Make yourself an ark of gopherwood.

- The church is built out of one kind of material
 - **1 Peter 2:5**
you also,
as living stones,
are being built up
a spiritual house,
a holy priesthood,
to offer up spiritual sacrifices
acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ.

•**Genesis 6:14**

Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

- **Pitch** {H-3724}

The word for “**pitch**”
in Genesis 6:14
is the same as the word
“**atonement**”
used later in the OT.

- God invited Noah and his family into the ark (**Genesis 7:1**);
- Then, once they were in, God shut them in so that **they were secure** (**Genesis 7:16**).

- Imagine the **security** and **comfort** of those aboard the ark.
- Pitch covered the wood **protecting it** from the raging waters.
 - The water being **a type of judgment.**

- As the pitch provided protection from the **“wrath of God”**
on the world outside.
- So the blood of Jesus protects us from the **“wrath of God”**.
 - **Romans 5:9**
**Much more then,
being now justified by his blood,
shall we be saved from
the wrath of God through him.**

- The Ark had only one door...

- Genesis 6:16
set the door of the ark
in its side.
- There is only
one way
into the church.

- Acts 4:12

**And in none other is there salvation:
for neither is there
any other name under heaven,
that is given among men, wherein
we must be saved.**

- John 10:9

**"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me,
he will be saved,**

- John 14:6

**Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the
truth, and the life. No one comes to the
Father except through Me.**

- The Ark only had one window for light

- Genesis 6:16
"You shall make
a window for the ark"
- The church has one light.

- The church has one light.
 - John 8:12

12 Then Jesus spoke to them again,
saying,
"I am the light of the world. He who
follows Me shall not walk in darkness,
but have the light of life."
- We are encouraged to walk in that light.
 - 1 John 1:7

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the
light, we have fellowship with one
another, and the blood of Jesus Christ
His Son cleanses us from all sin.

- The Lord provided the ark with a window for **illumination.**
- So, likewise the **church** is provided a light.
 - **David said it well:**
 - **Psalm 119:105** (ASV)
 - **Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,**
And light unto my path.

- As the ark had but one door, so has God's scheme of redemption has but one plan.

- Ephesians 4:5

There is but:

- **one Lord,**
- **one Faith,**
- **one Baptism.**

- Regrettably, that like the ark, the Lord's scheme of human redemption is **NEGLECTED** by the multitudes of the world.

- Matthew 7:14**

**Because strait *is* the gate,
and narrow *is* the way,
which leads unto life, and
few there be that find it.**

- Matthew 16:18

"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

- God told Noah to build one Ark
- There were not any other boats floating around.
- (Just, pick the boat of your choice!)
 - Likewise there is only one church.

- Colossians 1:18

And He is the head of the body,
the church, who is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead, that in
all things He may have the
preeminence.

- Ephesians 4:4

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called in
one hope of your calling;

- Genesis 6:14

Rooms shalt thou make in the ark.

- “Rooms”

Hebrew # 7064

Literally meaning
“nests”

- Indicates a place of resting.
 - Jesus provides a place of rest for the weary sinner

- Matthew 11:28
**Come unto me,
all you that labor
and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.**
- However, the ark also served
as a warning sign.
- The ark warns sinners of their danger,
pointing out the awful nature of unbelief.
 - Proverbs 16:5
**Every one that is proud in heart
is an abomination to Jehovah:
Though hand join in hand,
he shall not be unpunished.**

- With the ark those who were saved were **considered one family.**

- **Genesis 7:7**

So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood.

- In the NT those who are being saved are considered one family as well.

- **Ephesians 3:14-15**

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

- Salvation was found only in the ark.
- Let us notice the obedient faith of Noah
and how they were saved by water.
 - 1 Peter 3:20
when once the patience of God
waited in the days of Noah,
while the ark was *being* made
ready, wherein few, that is,
eight souls were saved by water.

- **Salvation is found only in the church.**

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Ephesians 5:23

**Christ is head of the church;
and He is the Savior of the body.**

- **1 Corinthians 12:13**

**For by one Spirit we were all baptized
into one body**

- **1 Peter 3:21**

**There is also an antitype which now
saves us -- baptism**

- All those outside the ark lost their lives.

- All those outside
the church
will lose their souls
to the devil.

- **2 Thessalonians 1:7-9**
**when the Lord Jesus
is revealed from heaven
with His mighty angels,**
- **⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those**
 - **who do not know God,**
 - **and on those who
do not obey the gospel
of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- **⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting
destruction from the presence of the Lord
and from the glory of His power.**

- 1 Peter 3:20

God waited in the days of Noah,
while the ark was a preparing,
wherein few, that is,
eight souls,

were saved through water:

- 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

- God has provided
sufficient means
for salvation.
- God gave Noah the dimensions for the ark:
Genesis 6:15 (ASV)
- **And this is how thou shalt make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.**

- THE ARK
PERFORMED
PERFECTLY
ABOVE THE
RAGING SEA.
- It rode safely while the
world below perished.
 - (Genesis 7:18-21)

- This world is falling apart tonight,
but if you are in the Ark,
you are safe!
 - Neither man nor devil
can stop God's Ark
from her intended harbor!
 - Matthew 16:18
I will build my church;
and the gates of hell
shall not prevail against it.

- The ark warns us of
the power of sin.
 - Year after year it was surveyed by hundreds and thousands,
still they continued in sin.
 - Beware of the
deceitfulness of sin.

Genesis 7:16 The Lord shut the door.



Hebrews 3:12-13 (KJV)

**12 Take heed, brethren,
lest there be in any of you
an evil heart of unbelief,
in departing from the living God.**

**13 But exhort one another daily,
while it is called To day;
lest any of you
be hardened through
the deceitfulness of sin.**

- Listen to the silent testimony of the ark.

- As she tells of:
• The Goodness

and

Faithfulness of God.

- Romans 11:22

Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in *his* goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

- Hear, too, its awful revelation of His power to punish and destroy.

- 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 (KJV)

**7 And to you who are troubled rest with us,
when the Lord Jesus
shall be revealed from heaven
with his mighty angels,**

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**8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them
that know not God, and that obey not the
gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:**

- **9 Who shall be punished with everlasting
destruction from the presence of the Lord,
and from the glory of his power.**

- Genesis 8:4

And the ark rested
in the seventh month,
on the seventeenth day
of the month,
upon the mountains of Ararat.

- One day our journey will end.

Matthew 24:36

But of that day and hour knoweth no
one, not even the angels of heaven,
neither the Son, but the Father only⁴⁷

- The flood shows us:
- **(1) How absolute is God's control over the natural world;**
- **(2) It illustrates the evils of sin.**
- **(3) It reminds us of another deluge, of which all unreconciled sinners stand in jeopardy.**

- **All** are invited to enter the ark.

- **Acts 10:34**

And Peter opened his mouth and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

- **There will be no dove**

winging its way across
the final deluge;

- **No mountains**

will lift their tops

above the raging waves.

- From this deluge
let us all flee.

- Christ's ark**
still waits for us;
- His door stands open,
and His voice says,
"Come unto me..."

- Think on these things
- Philippians 4:8

**The doors of the church
are open.**

**The Spirit and the Bride
Say
“Come”.**

Revelation 22:17

