The Days of Noah – Rejection of God's Truth 3

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We've come for a blessing and we know there's one in store for you. I'm glad to see so many of these young folks here today. I love young folks. You won't remember my name so I'll just give it to you, my name is Peter Nortier but you remember me as Brother Pete. Can you do that? Let me hear you say Brother Peter. Alright, you remember that.

Now, I'm going to give you a riddle. Do you know what a riddle is? That's something you've got to figure out, isn't it? I'm going to give you a riddle and I trust you've brought your Bibles because the answer is going to be found in the Bible and I'll tell you right now, you're not going to find until tomorrow. Here's the riddle: there was a wealthy lady that had a man working in her house and when he got through, we find that she was missing some valuable jewelry and also she was missing some other things. In her room, when she went to her bedroom, she found that her sheets were all wrinkled and she had a very expensive basket as an ornament and that basket was all scratched up. She said, "Somebody stole from me!" They weren't sure but they accused a man that was working in her house. Here's the thing: she even had a camera in her house that was taking pictures of those that would come in and out of the building and they saw this man and they saw him come in and they saw him go out and they never saw him take anything out. They did see him bring some of his tools in and then when it was all done, he opened his box and showed that all of the tools were there and nothing was missing but she was missing the jewelry. She was missing something else; she didn't know exactly what it was but she began to find it out and she found out it was very valuable.

Now, they accused this man and when they looked at him and they examined the camera, they said, "He didn't take anything out. We saw him go in and he never took anything out." How in the world did he get nicked? So, at first the police said he was innocent but there was a young man that was there and he was a Bible student and he said, "Before you let that man go, you need to arrest him." He said, "The answer is found in the 9th chapter of the book of Acts." You come back tomorrow night and let me know if you find it and the first one that does, I'll tell you right now, I'll give you a dollar. Alright? You remember that. Don't do it now. Remember this: Acts 9, you'll find the answer to that riddle and you adults you can look for it too, because when I did it before, I found out the adults didn't find it any better than the teenager.

How many of you brought your Bibles? Let me see them. Wonderful. If you didn't bring your Bible, you're only half dressed. Always remember that if you will. Whenever you come to church, bring your Bible and I want you to follow with me as we turn to the word of God. Turn to Matthew 24 and I'm going to begin reading at verse 32 down through verse 39. I understand that today you were studying something about the days of Noah. Well, I'm bringing a series all week, this is the third one, on the days of Noah. So, tonight we're going to look at the days of Noah and I hope that we can bring things out that you haven't heard before and I want you to follow along with me. Matthew 24, beginning with verse 32. Alright, if you brought your Bible, I want you to do with me, I want you to stand. Stand as I read the word of God. We stand in respect to the word of God. Follow along in your Bible, if you will.

"32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: 33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. 34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. 35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. 36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only."

Now, here's the text,

"37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Shall we pray.

Our Lord, tonight sanctify this endeavor, make it acceptable in thy sight, give listening ears, attentive minds and an open heart and, Lord, do whatever work has to be done. We believe there may be some here tonight that don't know thee and we ask you, our God, be pleased to put your finger on their heart, open their understandings and show them what it means what it is to be a lost sinner before thee and then also show them what it means to be left behind when thou dost come after us. O our God, tonight bless this service as never before and get glory to thyself in all that's done. We ask you, Lord Jesus, for thy sake. Amen.

Thank you. You may be seated.

I want to tell you a little bit about myself. I'll tell you right now: my name is Peter Nortier and I've been in the ministry for over 50 years. I'm old enough to be your great grandfather. You say I don't look it, but I'm 84 years old. Would you believe it? Not only that, I've had four bypasses and three stents in my artery and I have four bypasses in my heart. I have a pacemaker and they took out three feet of my intestine and I'm still here.

Like someone said, "You don't have a heart and you're too mean to die," so you're stuck with me.

Why do I tell you this? Well, Brother Neal Taylor and his wife Edith, we are here from Michigan. I live in Grand Rapids, Michigan and they live in Almont, Michigan and I was their pastor for about 30 years and then when I retired, I moved to Arkansas and I came back after 12 years and I'm living in Michigan now and I got acquainted with Brother John Webb last year, that was my first time here and now we're glad to be here tonight and I'm glad to see all of you. I trust you've come for a blessing.

Before we close this week, I'm probably going to tell you these words, I'm going to ask you this question: will I see you in the rapture if I don't see you here on earth again? I hope that every one of you can say, "Yes, I'll be there." I write to a man in north Ireland and his name is George McCurdy and I wrote him and told him, I said, "George, we may never meet on this earth but I'll see you in the rapture." And he wrote back and he said, "Yes, I'll be in the rapture but," he said, "I'll be too busy looking for Christ instead of you." I like that, don't you?

Let's look at our subject tonight: the days of Noah. The days of Noah will come prior to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. The reality, you see, of this is seen in the completion of the ark because when it was done, God judged the world with a flood and we find when the work of God is done here on this earth, he's going to do the same thing; when the church is complete, the Lord Jesus Christ will come after it and I'll tell you right now: that could take place tonight. How long before the Lord comes back? I don't know. He could come back tonight; he might stay away for 100 years.

But tonight, for a few moments, I want to share with you two things: we're going to look at the conditions of the days of Noah and then we're going to also look at the conspiracy of Satan then and now. You see, beloved, you'd better recognize one thing: there is a devil. There is a God, there is a devil and the devil will do everything he can to keep you from coming to know the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and your Savior and if you haven't done so, my hope is that the Holy Spirit of God will open your heart, young as you are, show you your need of Christ and then bring you to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus. It's the greatest thing that can happen to you if and when it does.

We're living in the days of Noah. You say, "Preacher, what are you talking about?" Well, the condition of the days of Noah are these: first of all, it was an age of great activity. Go back with me to Genesis 4 in your Bible, if you will, and look with me at verses 16 down through verse 22, and this is what the word of God says,

"16 And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. 17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch. 18 And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech. 19 And Lamech took unto him two wives: the

name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. 20 And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle. 21 And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ. 22 And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructer of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah."

Now, look again,

"23 And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt."

Right here in this passage you have the condition of the days of Noah. It was an age of city building; it was an age of violence; it was an age of music; it was an age of agriculture; and it was also an age of industry; and it was also an age of the preaching of the gospel. Last night we pointed out and compared the days of Noah to today and we find that today is also an age of city building and music and so on and so forth.

Now, why do I tell you this? "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it also be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man." In the days of Noah we find: it was an age of great activity then; it was also an age of the presentation of the gospel. Did you know that Enoch, who was taken by the Lord, he was the first man to go to heaven, a picture of the rapture in the Old Testament, did you know that he preached the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ? Take your Bibles and turn to Jude 14 and see it for yourself. In Jude 14 we find the word of God brings this out and this was a message of Enoch that he preached before the flood. Listen carefully as we find it in the word of God,

"14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard [speeches] which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

We're living in that day today. I'll tell you right now: the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is going around the world. I broadcast on a radio station in this area but I also broadcast on the internet and I'll tell you right now, I can be heard around the world seven days a week, 24 hours a day. I never would have thought it could be possible but it is and we find very clearly we're living in the days of Noah: an age of great activity and also an age of the preaching of the gospel. There was not only Enoch who preached, there was not only Methuselah and if you don't know this, write it down in your Bible: the name Methuselah means "when he is dead, it shall be sent." And Methuselah lived 969 years and he died in the 600th year of Noah and in the 600th year of Noah, the flood came. So, it meant this: that as long as Methuselah was alive, God would not judge the world with a flood.

Now, hold onto your seat and pay close attention: as long as the church of the Lord Jesus Christ is here on this earth, the judgment of God will not come upon this world. But I'll tell you right now: we're not going to see that judgment. We're going to be caught away because we're living in the days of Noah and "as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it also be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man."

It was an age of great activity, it was an age of the presentation of the gospel and then also it was an age of rejection of God against his truth. Hold your seat again, if you will: when an individual rejects Christ, this is what they do, first of all, they rebel against God's message. Listen carefully: Noah preached, Enoch preached, Methuselah lived and they warned the people of that day that judgment was coming but they didn't listen to them and what they did, I'll tell you right now: they rebelled against God's message. You say, "Preacher, what are you talking about?" They rebelled against God's provision. God had Noah build an ark and that ark is a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ. It had three stories in it, one door in the second place which is a picture of Christ and we find very clearly that the door of that ark was opened to all who would come. Are you listening? Only eight people in that age came and all the rest of them died. The reason? They rebelled against God's provision.

We find that this is going on today. If you're here tonight without the Lord Jesus Christ, I want to tell you very kindly: you need to repent and sue for mercy on the basis that Christ died for sinners. You're the sinner. None of you here are too young to be saved. None of you here are too old to be saved. If you're between the ages of 6 and 60, you ought to be saved and if you haven't been saved yet, my hope and prayer is that you will be because I'm going to tell you right now: this may be the last opportunity you will have. You see, every one of us here are by God's divine appointment. Last year when we were here, we waited for four days before anybody showed up for us to preach to. Last night or Monday night we came and we found out there were very few and tonight we prayed and we said, "Lord, fill this house," and see how God answered prayer. All of us that are here are here by divine appointment and I hope that you'll listen like you've never listened before.

In rebellion, this takes place: first of all, there is a rebellion against God's provision. Listen carefully: the Lord Jesus Christ is God's provision for poor, lost, guilty sinners. Have you ever been a sinner? Have you ever stood before God as a sinner? You know that you're a sinner outside in and inside out. You're a sinner from the top of your head to the soles of your feet. We've been born in sin because David said, "In sin did my mother conceive me," and I'll tell you right now: everybody here in this room has to have a personal experience with the Lord Jesus Christ or else that individual is not going to go to heaven. Keep that in mind, if you will, because this is a serious hour and I praise the Lord for the way you're listening.

Rebellion against being saved is this: it's first of all a rebellion against God's provision and Christ is God's provision. Secondly, we find that it's a rebellion against God's purpose. Listen carefully, hold your seat, if you will: why are we here on this earth? We're here on this earth for three reasons, don't every forget that. I've come in contact with all kinds of teenagers because I work with the Civil Air Patrol and I've done so for

30 years and I've come in contact with teenagers and I've had them ask me point blank, "Chaplain, why in the world am I here?" Alright, I'll explain it to you. You're here for three reasons: 1. you're here to know God. Don't every forget that. 2. You're here to enjoy God and when God saves you, he puts a joy in your heart that the world can't give and he puts a song in your heart that the world can't give. I'll tell you right now: you might be in the midst of sickness or calamity or anything like that, the Lord God of heaven still gives you a joy in your heart because of the fact that you're here and that we find that you're here to know God and you're here to enjoy God. And then we're here to glorify God forever.

Let me ask you a question: if my Lord were to come tonight, would you go to glory with me? You think on it. Would you go to glory with me? Yes or no? Not a "hope so" not a "think so." Yes so. That means that somewhere down the line, you met the Lord Jesus Christ and the Lord Jesus Christ met with you and I'll tell you right now: when he saved you, you began to recognize this, that a ransom was found and love paid the price on Calvary's Mount and judgment was met and we find mercy bestowed and how wonderful it is when a ransom was found and the Lord Jesus Christ is that ransom.

In rebellion: there is a rebellion against God's provision; then there's a rebellion also against God's purpose; last of all, there's a rebellion against God's word. I've had people come and tell me over and over again, "Do you believe that Bible?" I said, "I sure do." A young man asked me one day, he said, "Do you believe that a giant lived by the name of Goliath?" I said, "I sure do." He said, "How in the world can an intelligent man like you believe such trash?" I said, "How in the world can a young fellow like you be so foolish?" He couldn't answer me and I want to tell you very kindly, beloved: the word of God is absolutely so. God means what he says and he says what he means and how wonderful it is to be able to go to his word and to have him speak to our hearts and know that we are his children.

We find in rebellion: there is a rebellion against God's purpose, God's provision as well as God's word. Why? Why does this come about? Because we find in the conspiracy of Satan, as I've said before and I'll say again: here we find the conspiracy of Satan in our lesson tonight. You say, "Preacher, what in the world are you talking about?" Alright, take your Bibles now and go back to Genesis 3 and I'll show you the beginning of the conspiracy of Satan. In Genesis 3 we find in verse 15, Adam and Eve were standing before the Lord God of heaven and we find the Lord God of heaven then began to speak with the devil because he was also there and in Genesis 3:15, the Lord said to the devil these words,

"15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Now, what in the world do we have here? Here you have the first promise in the Bible of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and it tells that the Lord Jesus Christ was going to be born of a woman, that is known as the seed of the woman. Now, there are two seeds in the world at this present hour: there is the seed of the woman which consists of those who

are converted and those who are going to go to heaven and then there are also the seed of the serpent which are those who remain unsaved and die and go to hell that way. Now, Satan knew back yonder in the Garden of Eden that the Lord Jesus Christ was to be born of a woman so he set out to do one thing: he set out to corrupt the human race so that the Lord Jesus Christ could not be born of a woman.

Take your Bibles and turn to Genesis 6 and we'll show you how it's come about. In Genesis 6 we find, beginning with verse 1, we read these words. Listen to it, if you will,

"1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, 2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. 3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. 4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown."

Now, what in the world do you have here? Alright, if you have a pencil you might want to write in your Bible, I'm going to give you a truth that the vast majority today don't seem to know. You can underline in your Bible, if you will, "the sons of God." Listen carefully: in the Old Testament, Genesis through Malachi, in the Old Testament the term "sons of God" always refers to the fallen angels. I trust you know your Bible enough to know that there are two classes of angels: one are the fallen angels from which we get demonism and the other are the good angels which come to take us to heaven when we leave this earth and go by way of the grace. Now, these fallen angels are known as demons and what did they do? They followed the devil. So what took place? Here we find in the book of Genesis that in the days of Noah, the sons of God were angels and listen now: they were men. There's not such thing as a woman angel. Keep that in mind. Angels are always mentioned in the masculine gender which means they are always classified as men and we find very clearly, now what happened? The sons of God were the fallen angels and what did they do? They looked upon the daughters of men which were good looking women like a lot of you girls right here tonight, some of you look good enough to eat, and we find very clearly there were good looking women and so these sons of God or fallen angels did what? They married these daughters of men.

Now, they had one primary sin, the sons of God. What in the world was that? Keep your finger on Genesis 6, go back with me to the book of Jude and we find in the book of Jude and we see very clearly in that portion, you'll have the sin of the fallen angels. In the book of Jude we see a set course for our learning. Jude 6 and 7, listen to what it says,

"6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and

going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

Now, what was the purpose of the devil? Alright, the purpose of the devil was to do what? To corrupt the human race so that the Lord Jesus Christ could not be born of the virgin Mary. How successful was he? He was very successful because only one family, only one family was not corrupted and that was the family of Noah and we find what happened: Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord, God told him to build an ark and you know the rest of it. We find that when the flood came, listen now: when the flood came, there were only eight people that were converted. That's a whole lot less than are here tonight. Just think of it: only eight people ever got saved. All the rest of them in that generation died and went to hell and the reason? There were giants that produced from the cohabitation of the fallen angels and the women and we find there were giants and they are called the Nephilim which means "the fallen ones." Listen now: when God sent the flood upon the world, do you know what he did? He sent those giants to hell.

Where are they now? I'll show you. Turn to 1 Peter 3 and see it for yourselves. Remember now, we're still talking about the days of Noah; this took place in the days of Noah. 1 Peter 3, beginning in verse 18, we read,

"18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: 19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; 20 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."

Here was the purpose of the devil, his purpose was what? The corruption of the human race and we find so that the Lord Jesus Christ could not be born of the virgin Mary. What's the devil doing today? The same thing. You say, "Now, wait a minute. What are you talking about?" He's seeking to corrupt the human race. How is he doing it? He's doing it to keep you from coming to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

Take your Bibles now and turn with me, if you will, to 2 Corinthians 11. You will see this set forth and this is what the devil is doing at this present hour. I want you to follow with me very carefully, if you will. Notice what it says in 2 Corinthians 11:1,

"1 Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. 2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you," or engaged you, "to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him."

Skip down to verse 13,

"13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

Here you have the corruption of Satan. He conspired in the days of Noah to corrupt the human race and he was so successful that only eight people were converted. Now, what is he doing today? I'll tell you right now. We find very clearly he has a religious aspect. Here in 2 Corinthians 11 you have here "for such are false apostles," or false preachers. "Preacher, you mean to tell me that there are preachers today that don't believe what God says?" Yes sir, there are and when I was pastor in Almont, Michigan I was there for 35 years and I watched three different preachers come to this particular church. The last one that came turned out to be worst of all. That church was a liberal church to begin with but the last preacher that came and I think he stayed there until after I left, and we find that I was at his installation service which means that all the preachers of that particular denomination on the east side of the state of Michigan had gathered to question the man and then to install him in that particular church. They invited me and when they invited me. I went and we find I listened to what he said. He said a lot of things but he didn't say anything and he was good at that. Then we find, they questioned him and he answered the questions and so then finally, the leader of the group turned to me and he said, "Reverend Nortier, you are a guest but I will allow you to ask the candidate one question." I did and this is the question I asked him, I said, "Where do you stand with regard to the blood of Christ?" I'll never forget the answer he gave me. That man is now dead. This is what he said, "The blood of Christ is not necessary nor needed in our religious circles," and he went on to try to describe how that God was nothing but a blood-thirsty bully. He had a big church and we find that he was an apostle of Satan and there are many of them today. If you ever listen to them on the radio, I'll tell you, you'll find out there are many today that are preached confusion instead of preaching the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then we find Satan corrupts by the religious aspect. In 2 Peter 2, go with me, if you will, and we find in verse 1 and 2, the word of God also says these words for our learning,

"1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of."

I'll tell you right now: in Grand Rapids, Michigan, there is a church there that is pastured by and has been pastured for a number of years by a false preacher. At one time it was a Baptist church and it was a good Baptist church and that church in the city of Grand Rapids was responsible for 32 Baptist missions being established in Grand Rapids which

developed into churches. That church today does not believe in the blood of Christ. That church today also has a homosexual flag flying over it, telling all those that are perverted and going down the road of homosexuality, they have that flag and those people see that flag and they'll go to that church and they'll know that they are welcome. Beloved, this is going on in this century. "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it also be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man."

Let's look at one more thing. We find also you have the secular aspect set forth and we see it in our churches. Go back to 2 Timothy 3, if you will, and let me show it to you. In 2 Timothy 3, beginning with verse 1, the word of God says these things,

"1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent," or without control, "fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

Now, you say, "Preacher, what in the world are you talking about?" Will you look at it? This is what is found in the Scriptures but then I want you to note something else: I talked about the sons of God for a moment or two and the sons of God are what we call demons and we find, listen carefully, that there is such a thing today as demon possession at this present hour. Let it soak in. There is such a thing as a demon possessed individual. I know of a young lady that came back from college and she was possessed by this demon. She was living with her mother. In fact, I'll go even personal: it was Mrs. Taylor's daughter, her oldest daughter. She came back from college and she'd been possessed by a demon. One day she did this: she set her bed on fire and she was sitting there in her night clothes and her night clothes are burning round about her and she never had a scratch, never had a burn of any kind. Her mother put out that fire and her hands were so badly burned she had to go to the doctor. When she came over and told me about it, I went over to her home and I listened for a while and her youngest son was there and her oldest daughter was there and all of a sudden her oldest daughter reached over and grabbed her youngest son by the throat and began to choke him with all the strength she had. I had to break her wrist.

Now, what am I talking about? Demon possession in this age in which we are living and you and I had better be aware of it. Now, how can we be aware of it? I'm going to warn you: have you ever heard of such a thing as a Ouija Board? You can buy them in our stores today but listen carefully: a Ouija Board is used to call up demons. My sister one time had a youth group similar to this one and one night after hours because they were all supposed to go to bed, these group of girls got together and they got in front of this fireplace and they got this Ouija Board out and they began to fool around with it and all of a sudden a demon came out of that fire and I'll tell you right now, he scared the socks off of so many of them that some of them got sick and they fainted. One young lady had to be taken to the doctor and the other one had to sleep with my sister, she did not dare

sleep alone and this was a so-called Christian group. Satan is seeking to destroy you if you're a believer and don't ever forget it. Always remember: "We wrestle not against flesh and blood but we wrestle against principalities and powers and the rulers of the darkness of this age." "Why, preacher?" We are living in the days of Noah.

Let me say one more thing, if I may: a mark of demonism is the fact that a vast majority today of our females, what are they doing? I'll tell you right now: they're displaying their wares. They are wearing clothes that are seductive and wearing clothes that are revealing and when you go through the Bible, you'll find out that a demon possessed man lived in the cemetery, he was possessed by a legion of demons and he lived naked. And today there is a cry across America, "Oh, we want to turn our beaches so we can run around naked." I'll tell you right now: that's an influence of the devil. Dear girls, I'll say to you right now: don't you let the devil or the world influence you on that. You dress modestly and especially if you're a Christian. You boys do the same thing and we find out why. Because we're living in the days of Noah and Satan and his host seek to corrupt you and keep you from serving the Lord God of heaven and keep you from coming to Christ if it's at all possible.

Let me close. "As it was in the days of Noah, even so shall it be in the days of the Son of Man." What's the consequence of these days? We find the days of Noah are upon us at this present hour. Are you listening? One day, only God did it, one day Noah finished that ark and God said to Noah, he said, "Noah, you take two of every animal, two of the clean and unclean and," he said, "you put them in the ark." And I can very clearly pictured that. I can picture the lions and the tigers and the wolves and everything like that marching into that ark. They walked up the gangplank into that second story, that's where the only door was. As they walked in there and went into that ark, I'll tell you right now: there was only one window in that ark and that window was a window up above so that Noah would look up all the time. We find very clearly, what did they do? When that complement was filled, then this would happen: Noah and his wife and his sons and their wives went in and God shut the door. Nobody could get out, nobody could get in. Are you listening? Seven days later, the judgment of God fell upon that world and God destroyed it with a flood and every living thing upon that earth died with the exception of those that were in the ark.

Why do I tell you this? Are you listening? God's going to judge this world and the thing that I want to emphasize is this: right now, we are living in the age of grace and we find Noah's day was an age of grace but that age of grace ended abruptly and the age of grace with regards to our present hour, is going to end the same way. "How is it going to end, preacher?" When the last soul for whom Christ died in this dispensation is converted, the Lord Jesus Christ is coming after us. And when Noah and his family went into the ark, listen now, the world never saw them again and they never saw that world again. When my Lord comes after us, we'll never see this world again like it is now. I'll tell you right now: the world isn't going to see us again either. What happens is this: when God gets finished with this world and he's going to baptize it with fire and I'll tell you right now: we're coming back and we're going to live forever with him in a brand new heaven and earth.

I don't know about you, but I'm ready to go. Are you going with me? Oh, I hope and pray that you are. The only way you can, you've got to have a personal experience with the Lord Jesus Christ. I ask you this question: has the Lord Jesus ever stopped by your heart's door, opened your understanding, young as you are, shown you that you are a sinner and shown you very clearly that you need a Savior? And then to your utter amazement, has he brought you under conviction? I'll tell you right now: you began to sue for mercy and when the Lord God of heaven saw you suing for mercy, I'll tell you what he did, to your amazement and to my amazement, he stopped by your heart's door and he opened your understanding and one moment you couldn't believe and the next moment you couldn't help but believe and you've never gotten over it. The greatest thing that can ever happen to you, if it ever does, is the Lord Jesus should reach down and save you.

We're living in the days of Noah and we find that in the days of Noah, they knew not until the flood came and destroyed them all. That means: they were without a knowledge. They could have had it but they didn't want it and the same thing is going to take place in the world today. Oh beloved, tonight I urge you as I've urged you before, if you don't know the Lord Jesus, ask him right there to move upon your heart, show you what it means to be a sinner and then save you by his grace.

Shall we pray.

Our Father, tonight we thank you again for this opportunity and privilege and we ask you, Lord, that thou would just undertake for each one here tonight, thou dost know the need of each one and so, Lord, we lift unto thee and we pray, Dear God, work out thou purpose for thy glory in the hearts and lives of theses young people. How we thank you for each one of them being here tonight and we just ask you, Keep your hand upon them in a special way. And, Lord, if there are any of them here tonight that don't know you, open their understandings and O, our God, speak to their hearts. We ask it in thy blessed name. Amen.