COME THOU AND ALL THY HOUSE INTO THE ARK

GENESIS 7:1

Genesis chapter six and verse eighteen tells us that Noah’s family was made up of Noah, his wife, his three sons and each of his son’s wives. Peter says in his writings that there were eight souls saved in the ark. In our text we are told that God issued the call for Noah to come and bring his family with him into the ark. The ark was the only form of salvation they had to save themselves from the flood. It is interesting that God tells him, at the time when he gives instruction for building the ark, that he will have them to come into the ark. So Noah was given plenty of time to ready his family for moving into the ark. I do not know how much persuasion it may have taken. It is not told to us whether his family was as strong in faith as he was but we do know that somehow he persuaded them to come into the ark.

God is interested in “all our house”, in other words “all our family.” How determined Noah must have been to get them all in the ark. He was persuasive because he was sure that what God said would happen, would really happen. The flood, that God predicted, was a very real occasion that was going to take place. No one believed that the world would be destroyed. Yet, Noah knew that what God said was true. Therefore, he urgently made sure his family was prepared to enter the ark.

We should be just as determined to make sure our family is saved. The Lord is coming back. We have his word on it. If we believe what he has said is true then we should be urgently pursuing the cause for our family to be saved and prepared for his coming. Paul was concerned not only for the Philippian jailor but for the jailor’s family. Peter was not just concerned for Cornelius but for Cornelius’s household. So we should be telling our family and friends about the only one who can secure us a home in Heaven; Jesus Christ, the only begotten of God. He is our ark. He is the only place of safety when God melts this world in fervent heat.

So, I plead with you today: seek the Lord Jesus as your Savior and pray for the salvation of your family too.

Yours in Christ,

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