

An Appointment You Will Not Miss

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My (Jesus) word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life...the hour is coming, and now is when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live” (John 5:24,25)

Mordecai Ham used to say that the sinking of the Titanic in 1912 was God’s object lesson to America, though, sad to say, one that the nation didn’t learn. Many ships have sunk, but that this “*unsinkable*” masterpiece of ship building should go down on its *first trip* and that simply by encountering a massive hunk of ice, still seems uncanny—certainly it was not *just* an accident. It was an event accompanied by strange circumstances that allow for no human explanation.

How blasphemous and horrible the proud boast of the owner of the company that built the Titanic—“God Himself couldn’t sink her!”. How solemn God’s answer to man’s infidel pride.

We are living in an hour when our world—specially North America—is like the Titanic, on a toboggan slide out of control. This nation has embraced the wicked, godless philosophy of Humanism and in the process become *worshippers of ourselves*, in effect speaking as the *fool* in Psa. 53:1; *there is no God*. “Judgment Day” and “end of the world” have disappeared from the English vocabulary. The thought that mankind bears responsibility of his sin to God is not ‘politically correct’ or ‘theologically correct’ thinking.

The elite ‘thinkers’, ‘philosophers’, ‘theologians’, and ‘experts’ propose increasing numbers of remedies. But all of them require lost man to *make efforts at correcting* what all realize has gone terribly wrong. These efforts which rely on man’s wisdom and power while leaving God, His Word, Will, and Power completely out, are remedies that make no more sense, nor have any better effect at saving mankind, then changing the chairs and cleaning the windows on the deck of the Titanic as it sunk! “*For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God*” (Rom.14:11,12).

One day *every man* [soul] will face death whether they like it or not—whatever their philosophy and theology may be. The only exception to this are those who have accepted God’s offer of salvation through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. Living believers look for the return of the Lord Jesus for His church when both living and those believers whose bodies are in the grave, will be caught up (raptured) together to meet the Lord in the air (see 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). The Lord Jesus Himself has said; “*Surely I come quickly. Amen*” (Rev. 22:22).

There are many however, like the owner of the Titanic, who scoff at this truth, saying: “*...Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation*” (2 Pet. 3:4). Yet the Scriptures speak of a judgment day, of heaven and hell, of eternal bliss and eternal agony. Each soul, having died or still living, has a date, a time when each will stand before the Almighty to be judged—every person who has ever lived has such an hour in God’s book whether or not he knows it or believes it. Mankind is very, very close to that time.

Dear reader, confess yourself to be what God says you are—a sinner, lost, hopeless, and without life before God (Rom. 3:23, Eph. 2:1). Then “*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved*” (Acts 16:31; see also Romans 10:9). Any effort to arrange or work for eternal life in any other way is like polishing the brass and crystal on a sinking Titanic. Jesus said: “*Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out*” (John. 6:37).