

# **Torrey Conference 1979 Jogging or Running the Race Part 2**

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Vernon: The first hour. We wouldn't have to go through this again. This is my second time through not too satisfactory, but we're delighted to have this privilege of being here this week.

Yesterday morning we began a series from the 11th chapter of Hebrews of seeing how faith operated in the lives of men and women in the past under all conditions, at all times, all circumstances, and all types of individuals. A particular emphasis is given in the life of each individual relative to faith. And we looked yesterday at Abel and we saw that in him God put down a certain great principle. And that principle is that without shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. In other words, there is a death penalty that is upon each one of us because we are sinners and Adam all die. You and I are under that judgment whether we like it or not.

We were born into that race of mankind, that sinners. Now God has made a way and there's only one way. And he made that very clear at the very beginning. He drew the line very straight that there is only one way of Salvation. And this man, Abel by faith came and brought the little lamb.

And when he came by faith, he was responding to that which God had commanded. If God had not commanded it, he wouldn't have done it because he couldn't have come by faith. Faith

always comes by hearing by the word of God. God had said it and he brought it. He knew what he was doing.

He knew a great deal more than we think that he did. The Lord Jesus said, Abraham saw my day and rejoice. He knew a great deal more than we give these worthy in the Old Testament credit for. We feel today that we are the people. We are the sumo boneum of the human family.

There has been the working of evolution that's produced us and that is wonderful. May I say to you the human family is deteriorating all the time and somebody says, well, how is it the lifespan has been lifted a great deal? And how is it all you old fellas are still hanging around? Well, it's because we're propped up by the doctors, we're propped up by pills today. I take eleven every morning and that renews my youth. And if it wasn't for those pills, I don't think I'd be around. I'll be honest with you. We're not the people we think we are.

So God made a way for man and it was just clean credit. The very beginning, Abel is accepted and this man, Cain is rejected and Cain revealed the kind of man he was. But what he did, you see, it worked itself out in his life because faith produces a life. Without faith, you haven't anything good work is not acceptable to God. Because that heart of chain was an evil heart. Somebody says, didn't able to have the same kind of heart. Sure did. But he, by faith came to God and recognized it and accepted the sacrifice that pointed to Christ. So we saw in him the way of faith.

The way of faith. And that's exactly, I think, what the Lord Jesus meant when he said to those that were his own in the upper room, he said, I am the way. The way had been made clear at the beginning. And the Son of man, he says, did not come to be Minister done to let the Minister and to give his life a ransom for many. The word ransom slipped out of the English language in my day as I came along. Even theologians didn't use it. I heard it very little in seminary ransom. But they started kidnapping these rich kids. And then it came back in. You pay a ransom.

The Lord Jesus Christ paid a ransom that I might have life. He ransomed me. He redeemed me. That word, ransom. And the thing of it is, I remember seeing Paul Getty's a little grandson.

You remember he was kidnapped in Rome. And when they got the little fellow, they had the picture on TV. And I give you my word, that little fella, I thought if he paid more than \$0.15 for that boy, he paid too much to ransom. And he was sorry looking kid. But that man paid millions for him. But as I looked at it, the boy stabbed my heart. I said, well, you've been redeemed, too. And you're not worth it. You were ransom. He paid a tremendous price for you.

So that was put down at the very beginning. And how you say, by faith, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. That's the action, thou shall be saved. Now, we come today to two other men that live before the flood. And we want to see them able with the way of faith.

We have the walk of faith. And Noah, we have the witness of faith. Now, we read in verse five, by faith, Enoch was translated. That he should not see death. And he was not found. Because God had translated him. For before his translation, he had this testimony that he pleased God.

How did he please God? Well, without faith, it's impossible to please God. So what kind of faith? That he had faith to do what Abel did. He brought an offering. He pleased God not in what he did, but in what he believed. He brought that sacrifice. Now we see, though in this man, we see the walk of faith.

He not only began, but he walked by faith. And it was an evil day. It was like the days of Noah. And we'll see them in a few moments. They were evil days, I think, very similar to our days today.

The Lord Jesus said the days of nowhere to be repeated. I'm not sure what we have moved into that orbit today. That doesn't mean that this thing is going to be wound up tomorrow. Just simply means that we've moved into this period. We're getting the front of the storm, apparently.

Now, will you notice without faith, it's impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is he's a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Now, let's go back and look at Enoch and we'll, I think, learn something from him as we did from this man able. And by the way, we need to keep in mind what we said at the beginning yesterday morning, that we are actually compassed about by these witnesses they witnessed to us. But we're out here running the race today and therefore don't get absorbed by these men, that this is the way to do it, because God may have us do it a little differently. We're to keep our eye looking under Jesus, the author and finisher of the faith. You're going to get anywhere. You're going to keep your eyes on him. And where will you find them in this book? The only place in the world you're going to know about him. I don't think it's an accident that there's even strange that there's no other book that

comes out of that first century about Jesus. There's a lot that pseudo material. But the only place is here where you find out really anything about him.

And only the Spirit of God can make him real to us. We're to look to him, I think look to him for comfort. We're just comfort. Look to him for help. Look to him for life. Look to him. When we fail, we go to him in confession. I think we need to keep him before us today. And it's so hard today in this world to do that. We're living in a mean world today. Every neon light today is to distract us and to take our eyes off of Jesus. It's out there for the very purpose. Slip, put the big lights, you ride down Wilshire Boulevard. It's beautiful. Those signs, whiskey signs, everything. Nothing about Jesus, that's for sure. You'll only find him in the word of God today. That's the reason the child of God should stay close by.

Now let's go back and look at Enoch, how he got in here. And his record is in the fifth chapter of the Book of Genesis chapter, the Book of Genesis. And this, by the way, is a very discouraging chapter in many ways. It's like walking to a Cemetery. You go through here, you read the tombstones. This man lived, he was born, he lived, he died. He got sons and daughters when he was here. And that's it.

Let's look at one of them, verse five. All the days that Adam lived were 930 years. And he died and did Adam, but he had begotten Seth, well, had he begotten anyone yet? Anyone else? Yes. Sons and daughters. How many? I don't know. Don't know a thing about them. But I do know this.

When he had a home coming, he sure had a big family in there. Have you ever stopped to think of someone mathematician, put that on a computer and figured it out? When he had a home coming, there were over a million that came home. Because, you see, his sons and daughters, grandsons and daughters, great grandsons and daughters, great sons and boy, did he have a family.

That's Adam's family. And of course, we are in it, too. But when he was alive, what a family. And he died. And Seth lived 105 years and he begat Enos and Seth lived after he begot Enos 807 years. And he begat sons and daughters, too. And here goes the multiplication again. And all the days of Seth were 912 years and he died. You know, that's not very exciting, is it? There's not much there.

They just were born, they lived, began sons and daughters, and they died. And God didn't see fit to say anything else about them. And that's the story of a great many in the human family. It used to be a man years ago that wrote in Southern California that wrote biographies, and he had written some wonderful ones under the broad Brim, The Life of Spurgeon wrote The Life of Moody. And I think some of the best.

But he was writing the life of a man that was still alive in this country. And I met him on the street in Pasadena. This was many years ago. And I said to him, I said, how are you coming? He said, well, he had in trouble. I said, what kind of trouble? Well, he says, My trouble is to keep the front page from sticking against the back page. And the problem was there was nothing to say from the time he was born to the time he died. He says, not much happened to this man. There's

not much to say about it. That'd be the life of most of us, wouldn't it? And many of us would not want a biography written anyway. I know I don't Fleming Ravel sent the man out to talk to me about it, doing that writer out. He said, they'll publish it. And I said, I can't believe they've gotten down to this. And he says, well, today he says, a biography is very popular. But I said, no, I won't do it. I'm not for it. And he said, Why? Well, I said two things. A biography is not a biography unless you tell the truth. And I said, if you tell the truth, I might have to go to jail. So I said, I don't want you writing my Bible.

May I say to you, there's really be not much to say to tell the truth. And you go through this one just like walking through a Cemetery and if you've ever been back to New England it's a lot of fun to walk through the cemeteries back there because I have these little rhymes on the tombstones and they're quite good. Here lies the remains of John Doe, a Dentist, he's filling his last cavity and stuff like that and the maiden lady died and the society editor was away that wrote up the Obituaries. So the sports editor they asked him if he wouldn't write the obituary for this maiden lady and he wrote it like this. Here lies the bones of Nancy Jones for her life helped no terror. She lived in Old Maid. She died in Old Maid. No hits, no runs, no errors. That be the life of many of us today.

But now this all changes. You get down here to Enoch and verse 21 it says And Enoch lived 60 and five years and he begot Methuselah and Enoch walked with God after he begot Methuselah 300 years and he begat sons and daughters and all the days of Enoch were 365 years and Enoch walked with God and was not for God took him. Now that's different than the rest believe me that's quite a change and it's quite thrilling to read that. Here's a man by the name of Enoch and it

says that he didn't get a son until he was 65 and when he did he walked with God after he begat Methuselah.

Well what about his 1st 65 years? I think he lived like the rest of the crowd that actually went into the flood. That is the same type of individual and I think he was living it up. Then one day he went to End and there's a little fellow lying in the crib. We always think of Methuselah being an old man that trips on his beard but actually he was a little baby one time.

That's when I saw him first his little baby down in the crib and that changed his life. From that day on he began to walk with God and I've always felt that the greatest preacher in the world is the presence of a baby in a home. And when that little baby is in the home if that doesn't change a man I don't think anything will. It's very difficult. I think that one of the reasons we've seen child abuse so much in the home today is that little one didn't change the father and the father got worse and began to abuse the child.

Especially if the little one goes to a Sunday school and comes home talking about God you see. That says to a great deal today. The presence of a little one will bring you to God or I think drive your father from God. I worked in a bank before I was saved and three of us in the bank ran together and they called us the three months get here because we got in so much trouble. And when I was converted, I went to one of the fellows, especially because I thought so much of him.

And he had talent. He had everything. And I went to him and talked to him and he cursed me. He didn't even want to talk to me. So I went away to school. And when I came back to Nashville, I

came as a pastor and I went to see him. In the meantime, he's married, and there was a baby born in the home. And he wouldn't let me in the door. He just came out and talked to me outside. And he still was of the same mind. And the low one grew. I never saw him for a year or two. And then one day he called me. The little one had died past two years old, I guess. And he asked me would I conduct the funeral.

I was amazed that he asked me to conduct the funeral. And so coming back from the cemetery, I was sitting with him and his wife in the back seat of the car, and he just exploded. He said, you mean to tell me that God is a God of love and you talk about that he wants to save me and all that. And he would take my child from me. And I candidly said to him, I said, Ed, God took that little fellow while he could get him. If he had grown up as his father, you would have taken him right to hell. God got him while he could get him. And God took the little fella. And I think he's trying to wake you up, trying to shake you, that you need to turn to God. Well, that rocked him, and he gave up. I never felt he was genuine, but he said he made a decision and he lived out in an area where there's a Liberal Church. And he started going there and never knew the difference. But I don't know. I don't judge him, but I do say that the presence of a little one changes you.

Now, this man, Enoch, looked down in that crib and he said, from this day on, I'm going to walk with God. And he began to walk with God. And then this almost unusual thing happened. God translated him. And that means taken out of one language and put it in another language of equal value. And that's the reason I don't think a lot of these new things are translations of the Bible, because you got to take it. A noun has to go in the other language as noun. An adjective has to go

in the other language, adjective, or you haven't translated. And good speed tried to get by. He's a Liberal. And his translation, he tried to get by with translating.

In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was divine. And when they had a meeting of the Greek professors in New York City. Dr. Robinson challenged him. He said to Dr. Goodspeed, he says, Doctor Goodspeed, which is stronger, a noun or an adjective. And of course, you have to say noun is stronger than an adjective. That's a good speed. I hesitated to say it, however, because I think he knew the direction Dr. Robinson was going. Then Dr. Robinson says, why did you take a noun out of the Greek language, put it in the English language as an adjective?

Well, he thought it was better, but the point is he's a Liberal. And so he toned down the word was God theos, and he translates it divine. I don't think that's translating myself. That's just my viewpoint. And God took this man translated and moved him over. Yes, he's different. He's in a different language, but he is Enoch. And I thank God that I'm never going to be an angel. That used to worry me as a kid. I never wanted to be an angel. I thank God. I'm going to be Vernon McGee in heaven. I really do. I'm not in love with him. But the point of it is I just want to be lying.

And that is the thing that we're going to be when we shall be changed, and we need that. But we do not need to be altered. We do not need to be made altogether different individual will still retain our personality. I think two things will be true in heaven. Changes are going to be greater than we'd ever anticipated, and there are going to be some that won't be so many changes after

all. I think there's going to be a great thing. It's going to be very much like down here. There'll be great changes, little changes. And so we are going to be changed. And so this man was translated.

Now the question rises, how do you explain that? And I must confess, I do not know how to explain it. And the only way I've ever tempted to explain it is the story of the little girl that came home from Sunday school. And a mother asked her, said, what did the teacher tell you in Sunday school today? Well, the little girl says, she told us about Enoch. Well, she said, what about Enoch? Well, it says, Enoch walk with God. Well, how did he walk with God? And so the little girl says this. She says, well, it seems that Enoch liked God very much, and God liked Enoch very much.

So every day God would come by Enoch's place and say to Enoch, you want to take a walk? And Enoch would say, yes. And so every day, Enoch would be waiting at the gate to take a walk. And one day God came by and says, Tomorrow, Enoch, we're going to take a long walk. And Enoch says, that's wonderful.

So the next day, God came by me, started walking, walking. I got interested, and all of a sudden, looked around and he says, oh, we're so far away from my home, said, let's turn around and go back. And God says, Enoch, you're closer to my home now than you are to your home. You come home with me. And Enoch went home with God.

I don't know how to say it any better. And the little girl said, it. That's what happened. That's what's going to happen someday. That's the reason I don't understand some people that always talking about all the Lord would only come, brother, and the life you are living today, and you say you want the Lord to come.

He made one step walking with God and the next one he was with him up there. And the kind of life some of the believers are living today. If the Lord came, John says, you'd be ashamed of his appearance. And I'm not sure that we ought to be so enthusiastic today unless we're walking with God down here. That's when the Rapture will mean something someday when you're walking with him down here.

The man I followed in nice for the most wonderful thing that said about him, about a Godless Butcher, but he had a godly mother, and I had succeeded this pastor and I went by to see him at the Old Market House in Nashville, and he began to brag about the former pastor, how wonderful he was. And he said the most wonderful thing I've ever heard. He says, every time I met that man, I felt that he just left Jesus right around the corner. That's quite a testament that was Enoch walked with God down here. And so I think it was just a normal experience that God just took the man. He didn't die. God took him.

And so the day is coming when he's going to take those that are his own. But how did he please God? By faith. Faith in what? Faith in a sacrifice that points to Jesus Christ. And that's the thing that I'm counting on, that if the Rapture take place today, that I'm going out not because of the name of, but because Christ died for me, and I've been saved by the Grace of God, and I expect

to be taken out by the Grace of God. We used to be tested at these partial Rapture folks that said only that who super duper Saints were going out. And every time I talked with one of them, they always gave me the impression they were going out.

But there always was some question about me, whether I was going to make it or not. And I had the privilege of teaching that class in Nashville one time I told them I was going out and I wasn't going out because of who I was going out by the Grace of God. I've been saved by Grace. He keeps him by Grace, and I'm going to go out by Grace. And when I've been there 10 million years, it will be by the Grace of God. Grace is the way faith and the fact that Christ died for us.

Now, let's go back to eleven chapter of Hebrews because we don't want to delay that's too long this morning. And let's look at this last man, Noah, verse seven. By faith, Noah, being warned of God, of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an Ark to the saving of his house by the which he condemned the world, and he became heir of the righteousness, which is by faith. Now, if we turn over back to Genesis, go to the next chapter there, and I think it's the next generation, probably two generations. And we come to the days of Noah, and chapter six opens like this.

It came to pass when men began to multiply on the face of the Earth and daughters were born into them. And the sons of God said to the daughters of men that they were fast, and they took them wives of all which they chose. Now, there is a difference of interpretation here. As you know, I do not follow Dallas Seminary Hill, where I was taught by Dr. Chaffer. I'm not sure, but I don't think Dr. Feinberg would agree. So that if you disagree with me, you'll be in good

company. I can assure you that this morning. But of course, if you want to be right, you'd want to go along with me.

I do not think that the sons of God were Angels at all. I think it's the Godly line we're beginning to intermire with the Godly line, the line of cane, the sons of God. If they were Angels, they couldn't be good Angels. They wouldn't have done what is recorded here that they did do. And if they are bad Angels, fallen Angels, then they're not sons of God. So sons of God in my book, just couldn't be Angels. But I'm not here to argue that. I'm trying to get through the point that what has happened here, there has been an inner marriage that has absolutely destroyed the fact that men were walking with God, and it was an exception in his day. And now they're getting farther and farther away from God. And what happens?

The Lord said, My spirit shall not always thrive with man, for that he also is flesh, yet his days shall be 120 years. That's Giants in the Earth in those days. And also after that. And God was giving him here 120 more years. You see, God says, God has always been gracious.

Remember, he wouldn't put Abraham in the land. A lot of people said, what right did God have to put the Ammonites out of that land and put Israel in that land that wasn't right? Well, God gave them 400 years to turn to him. He said, Abraham, Abraham, I give you this land, but I'm putting your children down under in the land of Egypt that become a nation down there. I can't put you in here now because the Iniquity of the Ammonite is not yet full.

I got to get my change, see where they turned to me. That's always been gracious and good. And I said to a Liberal in Pasadena, Dr. Blake was pastor of the Downtown Presbyterian Church when I was pastor in Lincoln Avenue. And he and I would meet at the YMCA and we're sitting in the locker room one day, he played handball, I played handball.

And that's a long time ago. And he was sitting next to me and he talked to me about the Old Testament. He says, I never preached from the Old Testament. He says, I understand. You do? I said, sure, God of the Old Testament. He's a bully. He's mean, he's unjust. And I said, in what way? And he gave me that illustration.

He says, putting Israel in the land and putting those people out. And I said, he gave them 400 years to see where they changed their mind. I said, what do you think, 402 years? Do you think that he should have done it, 402 years, maybe 403 years? Oh, no. He says, well, I said, don't you think he's being fast? Well, he says, if you put it like that, I would say he's been fast. Sure, God fast. And God here is going to get married 120 years. See what he's going to do.

Meantime, he's going to latch on to Noah because Noah's life changed. And I say this reverently, this is the last chance for God. If he doesn't get to take Noah, he'll have to exterminate the human race because they're in sin and he'd be just in doing God didn't want to do that. Judgment is a strange work. He wants to save.

And so he's going to intervene now and he had to intervene. And there were Johnson the Earth in those days. And also after that, when the sons of God came in under the daughters of man, they

bear children for them. The same became mighty men which were of old men. This was a superior race. They're much superior to us today. I think these were superior people. And that's the thing. You see, man with all of his ability. And when he's Godless, he's a terror in God's universe.

He is dangerous in God's universe. You remember at the time of baby, God says, I've got to go down and do something about this. Nothing will be with help from them. And look what man has done today. He's been to the moon.

I was at the National Religious Broadcasters Convention in Washington last week. A man that is a member of the Federal Communications Commission said this to me. He says television is the most dangerous thing in this country today. And he says that there's anything that's of the devil, it's television. Now, I didn't say that.

Don't blame that on me. Don't go out and say McGee as a fanatic. And he says that. I don't say that because I look at TV. And I'll be honest with you, I'm not sure I agree with him, but there are a lot of people today feel like this thing that man has made is the Frankenstein that's going to kill him that's going to destroy, destroy our civilization. Man is a smart cookie. Oh, he's sharp. But I tell you when he is Satanic, he is dangerous and we're living in that kind of a world today. Imagine man this morning we have today enough to destroy the entire human family. Russia has enough.

What kind of a creature is man? Making instruments to destroy himself. Wait a minute, don't anybody go and say, well, McGee's, for getting rid disarm them? No, I'm making a few more of them. I want to keep Russia off of us. I don't want Russia used in there because I know they will use them. I'm not far them at all. So I'm for us having a few more. But just think, man has to do that today. Isn't it awful, man, that kind of creature?

So God exterminated man at this time. Listen, 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. And it repented the Lord that he made man on the Earth, breathed him at his heart. The Lord said, I'll destroy man whom I've created from the face of the Earth, both man and beast, the creeping things and the fowls of the Earth. For it repented me that I've made them, terminated the entire human family.

But Noah found Grace in the eyes of the Lord. God took him just in time. The last man. This is the last man. Noah found Grace in the eyes of the Lord. These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a just man, imperfect in his generations. And Noah walked with God. It's another man walked with God. He brought a sacrifice. He was a sinner and he brought the sacrifice that points to Christ. And now he walks with God. Why didn't God take him? Because he's got to have someone left down here to continue the human family. And you do have, I think, a marvelous picture here.

The Rapture of the Church in Nina and the continuance of Israel. After God removes the Church from the world, what can he do with the world down here? There'll be no witness or he's going to

have a witness. He says, Neil immediately feels 144,000 are going to be out witness one. God does not leave himself without a witness, so he'll have a witness.

So Noah is going to be God's witness here on the Earth. Now, we are told here Noah begat three sons, Sam, Ham, and Jesus. The Earth also was corrupt before God and the Earth was filled with violence. Now it's difficult for you and me to conceive of how terrible it was then. I think that we're moving into that orbit today of violence and a change of ethics, change of morality.

All of these things today that are taking place now, Noah and I won't read anymore. Noah's instructed to go build an ark. And by the way, that was a wonderful structure. It's been ridiculed. But if it's examined carefully and many have done that now, it makes sense.

It's a boat that would have taken adequately of the human family and those that were on, plus the animals. And he had no problem getting animals aboard. In time of danger. Animals will come to man. You could see that up at Yosemite.

I went there one time in wintertime and snow was on the ground and the deer were down there. My daughter could take peanuts in her hands and the deer come up and eat them. But you go up there in summertime and how close you get to a deer. There's chance you won't even see them. He'll be way off when you do see him, because they are wild and they're afraid of man. But danger, when the snows are up there in the winter, storms are blowing, the deer will come down.

And when the storms begin to break on the Earth, why an animal sense that they came? I think Noah's problem was calling out the two best ones to take aboard, and he had no problem in that direction. Now he begins to build this boat. It's 120 years to do it. In that 120 years he never made a convert. And I said that for years, but I've had to back up. Did he make a convert? He had three converts and their families, Ham, Sham and Jason, he not only witnessed to the world. And I'm of the opinion that Gray Line tours in that day ran a tour out to where he was building the boat.

And I think that the tour director said, you pay six draft months to go out and you'll even get a sermon. This man preaches a sermon to you. He's going to tell you about that. This is going to be destroyed by flood. That's the reason he's still in that boat.

And I think people got a big kick out of it. That's a lot of fun. Go out there and see a man building a boat. And whoever heard of their has been destroyed by a flood. And there's always been a question on some of these new scientists today of the new Earth that are Christians, and they're pretty sharp boys, by the way.

The evolutionists now don't debate them. They're afraid of them. They stay away from them. But because the evolutionist is wondering today about his position. But these men, some of them take a position that hadn't even rained up to this time. And you can imagine when it hasn't rained, somebody comes along and says it's going to rain for the first time. That's really a surprise. And the kind of rain they got so that all of us was brand new to that day. Well, anyway, I want to give

you a parable now, and it's my own, and you forget it after I give it to you. But I try to illustrate the fact that this man's witness that he had with his own family.

Now, he preached 120 years, had no contract. Now, I'll be honest with you, I would have quit three months. I would have stayed there for three months. And then I said, well, you better get somebody else to finish this, both because very candidly, I'm not getting results. And you got to get results.

Today on radio for the past three years, we have averaged 100 letters a month of those who accept Christ. And when that goes down to 50 and sometimes below 50, you can't imagine what a long face I get. And I wonder what we ought to do. What can we change now? You've got to get results today. That's the big thing in Christian work. If you don't get results, no one, no Church would ever have called Noah's pastor. Man preaches 120 years and does nothing and gets nobody. Well, he did get somebody. Those three boys.

Here's, the parable. I think those three boys left home after all. They didn't want to be under the pressure of a dad that I have a notion that he really was strict with those boys. They said, as soon as we get big enough, we're getting out of here. And they left home. And I think that Ham went down to Babylon and became a contractor, got in a contract in business, and the contractors one year they decided to have a convention because conventions have been with the human family from the beginning.

And so they have a convention. And at this convention, one of our man has made a trip to vacation up the river. And he's seen a new kind of structure, and he likes to tell you fellows about it. And so he got up and he says, I took a vacation and I went up and I was never so surprised. There's a man building a boat. I found dry land. You can't believe it. And it's a marvelous structure. And he has some new ideas about construction. And we were greatly impressed by structure.

But he's given that ridiculous tale about that God can destroy this Earth with a flood and thereby lack. But this man, Ham, he wondered because his dad lived up the Euphrates River. And so he went to him and he says, by the way, where does this man live? And he gave the name of the town. He said, do you happen to remember his name?

Oh, yes. He says his name was Noah. And I want to tell you how you thought about being surprised. He was surprised. He said, that's my dad. Now he said, you know, I life like the rescue fellas. But I want to say this to you. It does sound rather ridiculous that God's going to destroy the Earth with a flood. But you know my dad, I was brought up in that home and I know him. He never told a lie. You could believe everything he said.

If you don't mind, fellas, I'm going to take my hammer and saw them going up and heaven, because he's telling the truth. If he says God appeared to him and told him to Bell this boat and that's the way it was. And he says, And I advise you fellas to get hip boots because it's coming.

Wondered about Sham. I think Sham went down and I think he got in the dry goods business. He started Department store, and I think he had a chain of them. And so one of his managers told him one day says, I've been up the river to look for a place to open up another Department store, putting the shopping area up there. I thought we could put a Department store in there. And I took a trip and I won't tell you about it, just make you laugh. They had a tour up there that Bell in a boat. And you know where it was built?

Not in the river, on the dry land side of the mountain. And it was ridiculous. But he says, what a beautiful boat he's building. And that fella preached to us. And he said that God's going to destroy the Earth with a flood. And Sham laughed. He thought it was great, too. And then he got the thinking. He went back to this manager of the store. He said, look, where did you go?

What was the name of the town he told him? He said, do you know the name of the man? He says, sure name is Noah, well known up in that area. And Sham says, oh, my. He says, you know that's my dad and my dad never told a lie. I know that. And if he says a flood is coming, you can believe him. And I'm going to advise all you fellas that have departments for us to sell your dry goods because they're going to be wet goods in a few days. And so he headed up to join his dad to build a boat. And then there was Jacob.

And I've always thought Jacob became a College Professor. I think he got a PhD, and I think it was a geologist. And they were having a meeting of the geologists and one geologist this past summer, I was up the river and I was looking for rocks, and I found a certain formation, and I

followed it up. And on the side of that mountain, do you know there's a man building a boat and all these other geologists that were there? They laughed and said, how ridiculous.

But they said, this fellow says a flood is coming and God's going to destroy the Earth with a flood. And they all looked at each other, says, how utterly preposterous. Everyone knows, according to the law of science that no floods coming. There's never been one. There's not going to be one. Things will continue as they are now and they all laugh. And yet this boy, Jacob, he got to thinking. He went to the man. He said, do you know the name of the town? Yes. Name of the man? Yeah, what's his name? Noah. He said, you know, that's my father and I want to tell you fellas this. I agree with you scientifically a flood can't come.

But if my dad says God appeared to him and a Flood's coming, I'm on the side of my dad and I advise you fellas to get rid of your rocks because they'll sink you in the next few weeks. Here you are going to need a boat and I'm going up to help my dad. Noah didn't save anybody. His preaching didn't, but his witness did of his life. He saved his three boys and their family.

May I say to you that today the home is the thing that the devil seems to be attacking today. And I want to tell you that it looks like it's going to be destroyed. And in fact, our whole lifestyle may be changed in the next few years. And I'm not saying something wild. A few last year in Atlanta, Georgia, there were a meeting of certain theological professors, certain presidents of seminaries and certain outstanding Christian leaders, and I was not invited to it at all.

But the man that was there told me this. They had in outstanding experts from all fields to tell what they thought the future held, what's ahead. The man that does the prediction for Shell Oil Company, that's the largest Corporation in the world, they are scattered throughout the world today and his business is to interpret the future. And you think that he's optimistic business is going to be better next year.

He says America is facing a crisis. 1980 the first little crisis will come. Then in three more years, the big crisis will be here and the entire lifestyle of Americans are going to change. Now, this isn't a hard boil fella that's making probably \$200,000 a year just to predict for Shell Oil Company. And if he doesn't hit it the nail on the head every now and then he's going to lose his job. He says that and he went on to explain one would be an energy shortage that would get rid of all this distant driving.

We'd live in communities again that have to be a drugstore and a grocery store and a Church just for a certain area where you could walk to and that would destroy our freeway system would be for nothing. And that we are running out of energy now. That's what he says. I don't know that we are running out of energy and that the world will face a crisis politically. And apparently it's already beginning in Iran and spreading.

We're told in Indonesia about our broadcasts to get it in as quick as you can because Indonesia will go Moslem shortly and the entire world is changing today and you and I living in a world where the home has been destroyed. That's where the devil began to work. And as a result, why today we're seeing all this happen in our world that we live in. And of course, from our

viewpoint, gross immorality that's come along the destruction of what they call intelligentsia. I called it the Judeo Christians ethic has just disappeared.

All of that disappeared and we're living in a different world today. We're living in like the days of Noah. Actually, I think we're just on the fringe of it and I'm not saying the Lord's coming tomorrow. I don't know. I'm not making any predictions. I just think this is a very interesting day and this is a day for a man to try to get his family. This is a day for a man to at least be able to witness to a family today that unit. I think more respect for Noah than any man in this entire list. He won his family. He won his family and that's the very basis of the human race today.

Heavenly father do pray you blessed to our hearts that which has been true that which is not true may it be like the chaff upon the summer threshing floor that the wind will drive away for we pray in Jesus name Amen we're just dismissed and thank you all.

Bye.