

The Ark

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[0:00] Music Now you notice here the ark, back in those days there were some prosthesi artists and they sprayed the name Jesus on the side of the ark.

I'll explain that. Let's look at the ark, Noah's ark. This information is topical for us people today. It applies for us today. Because the Bible tells us how as we approach the time of our Lord's returning we will see some similar things to those of Noah's day.

To those of Noah's day. So now just bear with me because I'm not sure if I touch this it's going to wreck it all. Here we go. Luke 17 is where we're going to go. Luke 17 verse 26.

Luke 17 verse 26. We've got the words there but if you'd like to turn there too. Luke 17 verse 26 it says this. Luke 18 verse 26.

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[1:57] Luke 17. Luke 17. Luke 17. In Lot's day, not even ten righteous men could be found in the city of Sodom.

What are we seeing in our days, in these times? I put to you that even in these times, it was alike to those times. We could picture how Noah was there as a preacher of righteousness, and people would have scorned and mocked and laughed him, ridiculed what he was saying.

The people did not believe until the flood came. In Lot's day, until the fire came and consumed them. People were oblivious to their peril.

It's like when you might happen to do open air preaching. Usually the response is a lot of ridicule and mockery and scorn. Can we agree that it seems like we are living in times alike to the times of Noah, the times of Lot, of Sodom and Gomorrah?

Let's consider the account of the ark, and what we can learn from it today. Noah's ark, firstly, it shows for us God's judgment. God's judgment. We read of it in Genesis 6.

[3:31] Before the flood, we read Genesis 6 verse 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.

Notice here, it speaks of man's heart, it speaks of God's heart.

Every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was evil, only evil, continually. The Lord, it says of him, as he saw this, it grieved him at his heart.

Verse 11 and 12 goes on to say that God looked and saw on the earth that the earth was corrupt. It was corrupt. Verses 11 and 12.

God looked on the earth, the earth was corrupt, it says. The earth was filled with violence, it says. The earth was corrupt. The people had forgotten God. Lot's day was clearly marked by militant sodomites.

[4:41] That was the standout feature of the time of Lot, of Sodom and Gomorrah, as we speak of it today, of Sodom, Sodomy. And we see, even in our day, I thought I'd illustrate this by picturing the rainbow flag.

When I looked on the internet, there's actually more than one so-called rainbow flag. Because we know the rainbow speaks of God's promise of not judging the earth now with flood.

But the Sodomites have adopted the rainbow flag, they call it. And I searched for these pride flags. And actually, there's more than one. It's amazing.

It seems like wickedness is rising in our own day and time. And it's something that boggles my mind.

And I stand against it every time I can when our local council wants to fly this horrendous rainbow flag over the city of Playford. And I stand up and I speak against it because it's something that we do not support.

[5:40] And we absolutely find abhorrent. And there's rainbow flags galore, in fact. There's many kinds of flags associated with perversion. It just shows how wickedness is multiplying, I'll put to you, multiplying in our day.

So here we see some of the flags. It's not just the so-called pride flag. Don't just leave it there, they say. Let's fly the transgender flag.

There's actually a transgender flag. There's also a non-binary pride flag. The intersex flag. If you want that one. You know, if they're going to fly the rainbow flag, fly the whole lot of all this abomination.

The intersex flag. The flag for the asexual community. The bisexual pride flag. The pansexual flag. The flag for the lesbian community. It goes on and on.

I'm sure there's a paedophile flag. God help us. This is Australia. No wonder the Bible says, as it was. As it was. In the days of Noah.

[6:43] As it was. In the days of Lot. What do we have? We have drag queen story hour. Sickos dressing in drag. Indoctrinating children with perversity upon perversity.

And people are blindly accepting this as normal. What's more. What's more, there's so-called gender reassignment. There's this big push. This is our world. This is our time.

There's a big push on to normalise transgender perversion. In Australia. In Australia. So-called transgender young people. People. Even under the age of 18. Can access hormonal and medical treatment to help them.

Help them. To transition to their affirmed gender. This is clearly wrong. Clearly wrong.

There's a right and there's a wrong. The Bible speaks of that. This is clearly in the wrong category. It leads to body mutilation and irreversible surgery. Friends, this is wickedness.

[7:43] As it was in the days of Noah. Wickedness. As it was in the days of Lot. Friends, this is what's happening. And we're being programmed. In one day, there's this. In our day, there's a rising violence too.

It's a fact that every year in the world, there are an estimated 40 to 50 million abortions. Some 50 million abortions around the world. Studies show in the United States that a typical child views more than 200,000 acts of violence, including 16,000 murders on TV before the age of 18.

Television programs display 812 violent acts per hour. Some of us reckon. You know, wickedness. The world is corrupt. There's wickedness.

Like in Noah's day. And friends, God is holy. He still is. And he looks at men. He sees the sin. He sees the wickedness prevailing. He sees the evil of man's hearts.

And friends, it grieves God's heart. It grieves him in his very heart. The Bible speaks about how an unbeliever treads a foolish path. The highway to hell.

[8:50] Proverbs 14, 12. There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. God is just and he must punish sin.

He has the same heartbreak of man's sin and hopelessness. Now, I heard on the radio coming in that they're delivering one million doses of hope.

One million doses of hope. The vaccine. It's going to save everybody. Now, look, there's varied views about the vaccine amongst us. And I'm not saying don't take a vaccine.

I'm saying look at it and get the facts before you jump into anything. Get the facts. Get the information so you have an informed decision. But friends, the vaccine is not our hope.

The vaccine is not Australia's hope. There's only one hope. Amen. There's only one you can hope. We can hope in and know his hope. The blessed hope. Amen. Some estimate that there could have been 750 million people on earth, maybe more in Noah's day.

[10:00] Only eight out of 750 million were saved. Sodom would have had several thousands. Some even estimate half a million in Sodom and Gomorrah.

But yet we see only Lot and his family saved. Friends, there's a choice. And it's still the same today. The majority will miss heaven.

They'll go to the other place. God's judgment looms. And Christ is our only hope. Our only source of safety. We must flee to Christ for safety. We must flee to him.

God's judgment looms. And soon it will be too late to escape. Some will be taken by surprise. People have commented how it seems that we're in a kind of society where there's only one virtue and one vice.

That one virtue is the one thing to be desired. Above all, the one virtue, tolerance. And the one vice, the one wicked thing, what the world calls wicked, the one wicked thing that is to be rejected and shunned, is of course intolerance.

[11:09] It's how it is, isn't it? You see that today? In Noah's day, the people were careless. They were just consumed with the pursuit of life, with materialism, keeping up with the Joneses, maybe.

We read how in Noah's day, God's judgment brought a great flood to planet Earth. And so we know that judgment looms. Number one, God's judgment. Second, we know God's grace.

Thank God. God's grace. Secondly, in Genesis 6 verse 8, it reads, It says, God looked, it says, And he saw the wickedness.

And he saw Noah. Noah, it says, Noah was a just man. Blameless. He had a living relationship with the Lord. It says, Noah walked with God.

And he knew God. He had fellowship with God. Noah was a righteous man in an unrighteous world. God looks with grace. And he sees those that will trust in him.

[12:21] He looks with grace. And he sees those who have the faith to believe. He saw Noah. Noah had faith. Noah had godly fear. Noah was saved by faith. As we read in Hebrews 11 verse 7.

By faith. By faith, it says, Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet. They haven't heard of rain or seen it. He was moved with fear, it says. And he prepared an ark to the saving of his house, of his household, of his family.

And by the which he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness, which is by faith. Friends, faith made the difference. It wasn't one million doses of hope.

It wasn't some government intervention. It wasn't any man-made means or philosophies of men. It was the hope that he's found in Christ. The hope that we have.

And we've got reason for that hope. It's his saving. It's his blessed grace. It's his faith that he gives such grace to us that believe.

[13:23] So Noah was an example for his family. By faith, he trusted. He heard and he believed and he obeyed the word. And he set an example for his own family, laboring there side by side with his family as they built this ark.

And in holy fear, he built an ark to save his family. In faith, Noah heard God's warning and he acted on it. He believed God's word. And he received God's salvation by faith.

By faith. Noah, by faith it says. And so God extends mercy. God took the initiative to spare Noah and his family. In 2 Peter, we read how God in his mercy saved Noah.

It says there, 2 Peter 2, verses 5-7. That God spared not the old world, but he saved Noah. He saved Noah, the eighth person.

A creature of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes. Condemn them with this overthrow.

[14:30] Making them an example unto those that after should live ungodly. And deliver it, just like, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked. So only eight, we're saying only eight.

The world had ample time to hear of God's saving grace. Day after day, for many long days, even years, there was no hiding of this ark.

It was getting destructed there. Can you imagine in this land that was probably quite flat, there was this huge structure rising up.

In the middle of the desert place. And there was no hiding of the ark. Noah was building this ark, some would reckon, some 100 years. God allowed this huge expanse of time for people to see the ark being built.

And so that people had ample time to hear the message. Noah would have preached to the people. And here he was as a preacher of righteousness. But his message was unneeded.

[15:30] The crowd didn't listen. They didn't want to know. And friends, we get the same responses. As we talked of how, when we witness things at

times, by and large, the vast reaction, the vast majority react with a rejection.

And they did so with Noah. So it's not something new. They saw what Noah was doing. As he was preparing, building this massive ark.

How could they miss it? But they did not hear. They did not hear the warning. They rejected God. They disregarded the warning. And they do today. They do the same today.

Friends, they reject the Saviour today. Don't they? As it was in the days of Noah. Most people outrightly reject the Saviour. And it says in 2 Peter 3, how in the last times, they'll be scoffers. They won't believe Jesus is coming. They won't believe there's going to be judgment. They won't believe. They'll mock and scorn and scoff and ridicule. And they'll be unconcerned, just as in Noah's day, about spiritual things.

[16:36] They don't care about their souls. They don't seek after God. Romans 5 verse 8 tells us here that God commands his love towards us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

And so there's a wonderful truth of not only God's judgment, but God's provision. We consider these truths God's judgment, God's grace, and now consider God's provision.

What did God do? What did God provide? The Lord told Noah, make thee an ark. Make an ark, he says.

An ark of go-forward. God gave Noah clear instructions on how to build the ark. It was painted pitch black. It was nothing fancy. Now, we can't really picture exactly, but we know the dimensions. It was probably flatter at ends than this picture. But, friends, the ark had no decorations or name. There was no tapered bow or rounded stern. Both ends were likely square, making it look like a box.

[17:45] It was just a big box. Notice it only had one door, only one door in the side. There was no window to be seen from the ground. It had no sail or oars or even a rudder.

It was built merely to float. Noah built the ark, friends, by God's design. It was very clear, the very specific design of God's engineering.

And the ark had a ratio length, width, height of 30. It was 30 long. It was 5 wide. And it was 3 in height.

30, 5, 3. And it's interesting today that even in modern shipbuilding, experts in modern shipbuilding say this is the optimum ship design for stability in rough seas.

So even modern shipbuilders today know that this is the proportions of the most seaworthy of vessels. God's directions to Noah, given 5,000 years back, remained the prototype for building ships today.

[18:52] Is it any wonder that God has a divine blueprint for your life and mine? The ark as designed by God was impossible virtually to capsize.

It would have to be tilted over 90 degrees in order to capsize. Perhaps we can learn a lot about God and his salvation when we look at the ark. Noah appeared to have no control over the ark.

He wasn't steering it. Noah and the contents of the ark were totally at the mercy of God. And friends, it's true today.

Christ is the ark. Christ is the ark. That's why that first picture had Jesus on the side of it. That's the truth of it. Jesus is the ark. And you can trust Christ.

Not only is he the ark, he's the captain of your vessel, if you trust him. And you can trust his leading, his care, his keeping. When the time came, God invited Noah into the ark.

[19:56] Notice God's presence was inside the ark. Genesis 7 verse 1, it reads, Come into the ark.

Come into the ark. The Lord said, Come into the ark. So God was in the ark. God was in the ark. God was the ark.

It's the first time, Genesis 7 verse 1, where the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark. It's the first time the word come occurs in the Bible.

And so there is an important biblical interpretation principle of, the principle of first reference. So it's important to know the first reference of come, the invitation of God, the welcome of God, the reception of God.

It's right here, Genesis 7 verse 1, Come. And the word reoccurs some 500 times, over 500 times, in the rest of the Bible. But this is the first reference.

[20:59] So take a note, Genesis 7 verse 1, Come thou and all thy house into the ark. Friends, the message for us today is still the same. Come, come, he says.

Escape, flee for your life. Come, come to Christ. Come to me, he says. Flee to Christ for your refuge, for your shelter from the coming judgment. He still says, Come, come unto me. He still invites people to come. Come to him. Come into the ark. And God was in Christ, it says, reconciling the world unto himself.

You can imagine how those people, though, they didn't want to come. They didn't want to come to Christ. They wanted to reject him. They would have mocked Noah. They would have laughed him to scorn. You know, if they could have, they probably would have crucified him.

It would have seemed strange for them, as he built this ark, what a Manhattan-ery would have been to them, they would have thought, as he built what looked like a huge coffin. And to predict a flood that had never been seen before.

[22:02] And when it had never yet rained upon the earth. Rain was unknown. Isaiah describes how the world mocked the Saviour. He had despised and rejected a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

And we hear, as it were, our faces from him. He was despised and we esteemed him not. It's how the world treats Christ still, isn't it? Isn't it? Friends, some question how every kind of animal would fit it into the ark.

You know, some would question, how was it possible? How is this humanly possible? Well, look, I've got this book here, Noah's Ark, a feasibility study. So if you want some heavy reading, there's lots of very detailed information here how it was possible.

This is by quite a wise man. He's looked into the detail of it and has confirmed it is absolutely feasible.

It's absolutely true. This is no make-believe. There's a feasibility study how God could have fitted all the animals onto the ark. Of course, only air-breathing animals needed to be included in the ark.

[23:12] Experts tell us that there's not even 18,000 species of mammals, birds and reptiles and amphibians alive in the world today. We might double this to allow for extinct species, say 36,000 species times two or 72,000 animals.

We add extra for the clean animals, we might say 75,000. The ark had over 100,000 square feet of floor space.

It's reckoned it could have carried the equivalent of 569 standard railroad box cars of animals. 569 standard railroad box cars.

So imagine sitting at the boom gates and 569 boxes go past you on that train. That's how many animals, that's how much space the ark had for storage.

So plenty. And if the average sized animal was the size of a sheep, you could reckon they were young animals, small animals. The ark could have held, some reckon, 125,000 sheep.

[24:20] 125,000 of these sheep-sized animals. So, in fact, really, as we know, most animals are actually smaller than a common cat. So it's very feasible, very feasible.

There was plenty of space on the ark for all the wildlife to be preserved. It's also possible that Noah only took on pairs of kinds or species.

So kinds of animals. For example, we know, as in the time of Christ, there was only two types of dogs. All the diversity came in modern breeds from breeding from these two.

And likewise, there's coyotes, species with potential for rich genetic diversity. So absolutely, it's no make-believe.

This is actual, factual, measurable, and it's been demonstrated so by wise people. So the big question is, in the light of God's judgment, God's grace, and God's provision, the big question really comes down to this.

[25:34] Where do you stand? Where do you stand? Are you in the ark? We're literally hurtling towards the apocalypse. The apocalypse, literally.

Which means the unveiling or the revelation of Jesus Christ. You hear about all these apocalyptic movies. Well, this is the real one. This is the apocalypse. This is the. In other words, it means the revelation, an unveiling, the revelation of Jesus Christ.

That's the name of the book of Revelation. The apocalypse. And we're approaching that, friends, I put to you, rapidly. The nearness of the coming of Christ, of the closing hours of this planet. What matters is this. Are you in the ark? Are you? Pray that you will know that truth. And who is the ark? Jesus our Lord.

Luke 17, 26, it says, As it was in the days of Noah's ark, also shall it be in the days of the Son of Man. So, friends, the ark is a picture for us of Christ, of his safety, of that hope.

[26:39] He is the dose of hope. He is the only hope. He is the blessed hope. He is the hope of Australia. He is the hope of your heart that believe. And he is the ark of safety for you if you trust him.

The Lord Jesus is the ark for you. He is the only hope, our only hope of salvation. The ark took many, many, many years to build. 100, 120.

It took many, many years to build the ark. And all of this time, during this time, there was many warnings, but the people did not heed them. And so too, many people today.

The apocalypse is coming. It is coming. It's not a movie. It's just a real event. This is the real thing. Amen? The apocalypse is coming. And many people don't realise the peril, the peril that they're in outside of Christ of facing God's judgement and they will not receive Christ as saviour, their only way to be saved.

The warnings went unheeded. 2 Peter 2.5, only eight souls were saved. That's a gripping small number, isn't it? Noah, his wife, his sons, their wives.

[27:48] God prepared the ark before the flood as a means of escape for his own people. God's giving a time where the gospel can go out, where the warning can go out, where you get the choice where you're going to be, in the ark or outside of it.

Friends, the Lord said unto Noah, come, come into the ark, come into the ark. Take shelter in the hands of God. Take shelter from his coming round, from the storm.

Take heed of God's invitation. Friends, the ark was a place of safety. This was a safe place. There was absolute security there. We read of the ark, how it was pitched within and without, with pits. And so, it was fully watertight. This was a perfect shelter. Now, I've got some leaks at home. I could do some pitch on my roof.

There's some pitch needed on the roof here too. It's leaking. And friends, the ark didn't have any leaks. There wasn't any leak problem. There wasn't any water. There wasn't any flood problem inside the ark.

[28:56] It was sealed within, without, with pitch. And all inside the ark were secure. The ark was a type of our salvation in Christ. And it stands, friends, when they, the Lord, made that invitation and then it stands, the Lord shut the door.

One day, the door's going to shut. Bang. God's going to shut it. He's going to say, time's up. God's going to shut the door. Friends, for the meantime, the door is open. And God took care of Noah.

There was great security for the passengers of the ark. And it's the same for you. If you trust Christ the Saviour, if you fled to Christ for refuge, then you that have fled to Christ are secure.

There's safety there. Christ is our ark. 1 Peter 1.5, it says, those that are in Christ are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

And all who were in the ark came out of the ark alive one year later. Think of that. They went into the ark. One year later, they came out of the ark and the destruction swept the earth.

[30:08] We read that in Genesis 8, verse 18 through 19. It says, Noah went forth, his sons and his wife, his sons' wives, every beast, every creepy thing, every fowl, whatsoever creepeth on the earth after they come.

They went forth, it says. They went forth out of the ark. All who entered into the ark were preserved. None had perished by the flood. None had died a natural death.

They came out safe and sound. It reminds us of our Lord's words that I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

What matters is are you in the ark? Friends, there's only one door. There's only one door on the ark. There's only one door. There's only one door to salvation. Our Lord says, of our Lord, it says, neither is there salvation in any other for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.

Only one name and there's only one door. Here's the way, he says. I am the way, the truth, the life. Friends, there was not one entrance for Noah and his family, another for the animals, another for the birds.

[31:18] There was one door, one door, one way, one and only way. Likewise of the tabernacle, only one entrance, a single entrance. Friends, there's likewise, there's only one way for you to escape the judgment of God.

There's only one way to flee to Christ for refuge. Only one deliverer, one saviour, one name, the name of Jesus. He is the way, the truth, and the life.

And he says, I am the door. He says, there's no other. There's only one, the, the door. That means one door. There's only one, one door. So make sure you get inside the ark, go into the door, go into Christ, flee to Christ, run to Christ, come to Christ, come into the ark.

The tiles of the ark, not only was there one door, but there was the window too. And we could reflect how, in Genesis 6, verse 16, it says there was a window that was above.

And so this window was maybe 25 inches square with a covering over it. It reminds us, as God's people to set our affection on things above. And we can look at all this and that and, and, you know, the fear and the, and the, the doom and gloom that seems to dominate our news media these days and, and people's fears and frettings about this and that.

[32:38] Friends, we can set our affection on things above. We can look to Christ. We can look above. We can look up. As the Lord says, when you see these things, lift up your heads. Look up.

Your redemption draws near. And so we see the ark, the account, tells us of God's judgment, tells us of God's provision, tells us of God's grace. And friends, the question is, are you in the ark?

His grace is extended to us today. Don't you just love the, the words of God in Ephesians 2, that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace and his kindness towards us through Christ Jesus and says, for by grace are you saved through faith that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast.

Now don't you just love how it says his salvation is by grace. He, he affects it. It's by God's grace. He affects it. We simply receive it.

It's through faith. By grace, through faith. By grace, trust his provision. Trust his grace. Trust and receive it. Receive his gift and through faith, receive it for yourself.

[33:47] Verse 14, it says of the ark that it was of go for work. And we think of the work, we might reflect that that can perhaps speak to us of our Lord.

That he was like a root out of dry ground. That he brought life out of death. Now the trees had to die in order that Noah and his family were secured. Now there's some tradition that says Noah planted those trees.

That's just a by the by. But those trees had to be grow and be cut down, harvested and constructed into the ark.

But the trees had to die in order for Noah to have life. And it's an interesting thought, isn't it? And we know that of course, as believers, Christ is our substitute.

His debt gives us life. another by the way kind of thought is that the word translated ark in the King James is also translated in the King James in Genesis 50 verse 26 as coffin.

[34:51] It's the same word. The same word for Noah's ark was the coffin of Joseph in Genesis 50 verse 26. So again, it speaks of death. The ark was a symbol of death.

The death of our Lord Jesus. It pictures how he was to die so he could be saved. And so God tells Noah make yourself an ark. The word was perfectly sealed and covered within, without, with pitch. Another interesting sideline is that the word pitch or bitumen as we would talk of it in our modern lingo. This word pitch, this bitumen was the same word translated atonement.

In at least 70 other places in the Old Testament. So they were to pitch it, they were to cover it within, without, with this substance, this pitch, this bitumen. And that same word to cover the pitch

was the same word translated atonement.

So again, another picture that the ark is a picture of the atonement that we have. As we read in Leviticus 17 verse 11 it talks about atonement for the soul.

[35:58] This word atonement, Leviticus 17, 11, is that same word pitch. Think of it now for ourselves today.

In these days we live as it was in the days of Noah, as it was in the days of Lot. Friends, there's a judgment looming. And our shelter must be Christ.

It's only Christ that can shelter you from the wrath of God. You can imagine, as it's kind of pictured here, the word Jesus on the side of the ark. Now, I don't know whether Noah paints up the word Jesus on the side of the ark, but the point is Jesus is the ark.

Amen? Jesus is the ark. That's the point. And we're seeing God's judgment, God's grace, we see God's provision. Are you in the ark?

The place of safety. An invitation is extended. I like to kind of use the marketing spiel, it's for a limited time only.

[36:59] It's true. It is. It's for a limited time only. God shut the door. Time will be up. There will be no more time. The time of grace will end.

Are you in the ark? It says that Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. And friends, we can find his grace today. I pray that you might trust Christ this morning if you've yet to trust him.

Believer that you take heart in the hope that you have, not the hope of a million doses, but the hope that is the blessed hope. That's the one, that's the hope we need. That's the hope Australia needs. That's the hope every person, man, woman and child needs, is the hope that is in Christ. And the Bible talks about the blessed hope, the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I pray, I trust that you'll hear the words, come into the ark, come to Christ. Let's pray. Lord, we thank you that the ark is full of all these pictures of your grace, of your love, of the salvation from judgment, of your safekeeping from your wrath, of the looking above through the window, as it were, the trusting in your hope.

[38:13] Lord, we thank you that the pitch speaks of the covering of your atonement, speaks of your death in the word that was constructed.

Lord, we pray that each one might know that truth that you are the ark and we can find our blessed trust in that truth. and we pray, Lord, for each one that is watching or here with us that each one might have that personal assurance and know, yes, I'm in the ark and as it was in the days of Noah, I'm in the ark, I'm okay.

I know that I am in God's keeping and as it was in the days of Lot, we can know your safety, we can know your salvation as Lot did too and Lord, we thank you for that grace that still extends to humanity today that each might know that, personally know that, that salvation and enter in by that one door, that one Saviour, you are our Lord and God.

We thank you, Lord, for these things for each family, each home, that that trust in Christ can be our blessed hope. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. Amen.