

Escape for Your Life!

Introduction

Scripture Reading: Genesis 19:1-17

Genesis 19:15-17

1. This expression signifies that there is danger.

Matthew 23:33 Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell?

Romans 2:3 And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?

2. It also suggests that escape is possible.

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Old Testament Examples

1. Lot and his wife (relate story - Genesis 19)
 - A. Life was offered in the mountain.
Genesis 19:17
2. Noah and his family (relate story - Genesis 6)
 - A. Life was offered in the ark.
Genesis 6:18

3. Israel leaving Egypt (relate story - Exodus 14)

A. Salvation was offered by crossing the sea.

Exodus 14:16 But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

Exodus 14:30 So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

4. The disobedient prophet (relate story - 1 Kings 13)

A. Life was offered by going a certain way.

1 Kings 13:9-10

Where must We Escape to Gain Life

1. Lot and his wife could flee to the mountain - and we can flee to mount zion.

Hebrews 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,

2. Noah escaped in the ark - and we are in the ark of Christ or church.

A. Let's look at some similarities between the ark and the church.

1) One builder: Noah was the builder of the ark and Christ was the builder of the church.

Genesis 6:13-14

Matthew 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

2) One building: As there was just one ark there is just one church.

Genesis 6:14 **Make yourself an ark of gopherwood**; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch.

Ephesians 4:4 There is **one body** and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

Colossians 1:18 And He is the **head of the body, the church**, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

3) One kind of material: The Ark was made of gopher wood (Gen 6:14) and the church is made of baptized believers.

Galatians 3:26-27 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For **as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**

4) One way to enter: There was only one door in the ark and Christ is the door of the church.
Genesis 6:16

John 10:7, 9 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. **(9)** I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

5) One source of light: There was one window in the ark (Gen 6:16) and the word of God is the light of the church.

Psalms 119:104 **Through Your precepts I get understanding**; Therefore I hate every false way.

3. Israel crossed the sea - and we crossed the sea of baptism.**1 Corinthians 10:1-2****Mark 16:16****4. The prophet had a certain way to go - we must go through Christ to get to God.**

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

2 Timothy 2:10 Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

How May We Escape into Christ?**1. Believe.**

Romans 10:10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

2. Repent.

Acts 17:30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

3. Confess.

Matthew 10:32 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

4. Baptized into.

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

From What must We Escape

1. From Temptation.

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2. From the pollution of the world.

2 Peter 2:20 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.

3. From Idolatry.

1 Corinthians 10:14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

4. From Indifference.

Romans 12:11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

5. From Profanity and Vulgarity.

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Why Is it That Some Do Not Escape

1. They refuse to listen to instruction (Obedience).

Hebrews 12:25 See that **you do not refuse Him who speaks**. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven,

2. Some simply neglect to be saved.

Hebrews 2:3 how shall we escape **if we neglect so great a salvation**, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,

3. Some are hypocrites - playing a game of church to be seen of men, yet their heart is not set on learning the example of Christ!

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Conclusion

1. By properly acting here on earth we will escape at the judgment bar on high.

Luke 21:36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy **to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.**"

2. To fail to escape there will be a sad thing. **2 Thessalonians 1:7-9**

3. **ESCAPE FOR YOUR SOUL'S LIFE** - while Christ gives you opportunity. **Matthew 10:28**

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