

Looking to Jesus.

LOOK TO JESUS—AS THE ARK.

LOOK AND ENTER.

THE Lord Jesus is the Ark of safety from "the wrath to come." And you, beloved reader, if not already sheltered in Christ, are entreated to look to Him, and to enter Him as the Ark provided for you by Divine grace.

Give your earnest attention to what you read, and may the Holy Spirit apply the truth to your heart.

THERE WAS DANGER OUTSIDE THE ARK. Great was the danger to the inhabitants of the old world: a deluge was coming. God himself had declared, "I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth." And the same God of truth hath said that all who reject the salvation that is in Christ shall perish. Mark the following solemn words: "The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven, with His mighty angels in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who will be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power" (2 Thess. i. 7-9). God forbid that you should treat this warning as the people did the threatening of the coming deluge; they made light of it—"they ate, they drank, they married and were given in marriage, till the flood came, and swept them all away!" And how can you escape, if you neglect so GREAT SALVATION? If you have not yet entered the Ark, if you have not yet heartily embraced Christ as your Saviour, you are perishing in your sins. By the *danger* there is out of Christ, be entreated to look to Him as your Ark—look and enter.

THERE WAS SAFETY IN THE ARK. Noah and his family were safe in the ark. Torrents descended upon it from above, and waves from beneath dashed and beat against it, but not a drop of the waters that drowned a guilty world could touch them. *There is perfect safety in Jesus!* All who have come to Him, all who believe with the heart in Him, are secure.

There is no curse for the believer in Jesus—Christ hath redeemed him from it! Gal. iii. 13. There is no punishment for the believer—Christ hath borne it for him! Isa. liii. 5. There is no sentence of death written against him, that sentence is blotted out—*life*, ETERNAL LIFE is written instead! "There is therefore now NO CONDEMNATION to them that are in Jesus Christ" (Rom. viii. 1).

We are told that when Noah entered the ark, "the Lord shut him in." Believers in Christ are "*shut in*." They "are kept by the power of God unto salvation!"

THERE IS ROOM IN THE ARK. How roomy is Christ! What room there is in *His merits*. His atoning blood is of infinite value. The robe of His righteousness is large enough to cover all who cast aside the "filthy rags" of their own righteousness.

What room is there in the heart of Christ. Was

there room in that father's heart for his prodigal son? Did he run out to meet him, did he fall on his neck and kiss him, did he clothe and feast him, and sing over him for joy? And has the heart of *Jesus* no room for *thee*, poor sinner? Doubt not thy welcome, nor question whether there is room for thee—thousands, and tens of thousands, have entered the ark and found room. Were the whole world to come, there would be room for all!

THERE WAS NO OTHER REFUGE. Sinner, there is no other refuge but Jesus. Where would you flee? To the *little hills of morality*? What! will you take refuge in your honest dealings with your neighbor, while you have robbed God of the service you owe Him, and of the honor due to His name? Will you plead your love for your family, while the love of Christ is not in your heart? Or will you attempt, by climbing *Sinai's mount*, to escape its curse, and reach heaven? Will you vainly strive, by obeying the law, to recommend yourself to God, and obtain eternal life? Poor mistaken soul! Consider the word of God—"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified." And how can you escape if you reject the invitation to enter God's Ark—if you refuse to be sheltered by the blood and righteousness of Christ? There was but *one* Ark in the deluge, and there is but ONE SAVIOUR now. "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts iv. 12).

THE DOOR OF THE ARK IS OPEN! What a mercy is this! It might have been shut upon you; you might have died in your sins. But, consider, the door will not be open *always*, and it may not be open *long*. Our breath is in our nostrils; in the midst of life we are in death. If you should die without entering the Ark, to you its door would be shut—shut for EVER! "*Now* is the accepted time—behold, NOW is the day of salvation."

Many *heard* of Noah's ark, many *saw* it, some might have *looked in at the door*; but those, only those who *entered the ark*, were saved. Do not be satisfied with hearing of Christ: come to Him—with your heart—come. Forsake every other refuge, and trust only in Jesus for pardon, for grace, and eternal life.

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ALL the people now living in the world, say 1,400,000,000, could find standing room within the limits of a field 10 miles square, and by aid of a telephone could be addressed by a single speaker. In a field 20 miles square they could all be comfortably seated.

IT is a significant fact that during the last ninety years over twenty-nine Lives of Christ have been published in Germany. In none of them, it is safe to say, has there been any improvement on the story as told, in the four Gospels.