



Daily Devotion



“(God) preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly.” 2 Peter 2:5

Noah, who preached a full 120 years before the Flood, was a true torch that shone in the world and radiated to the people the earnest and zealous admonition to repent and escape the terrible and dreadful doom. And yet he accomplished so little with the sermon.

Martin Luther

The worst godly preacher, if we were to measure preachers by the world’s standard in terms of visible success, was surely Noah. For 120 years he preached. In the end, only eight people entered the ark. Noah not only didn’t gain any converts outside his own family; worse than that, people left the church in droves. Over those 120 years the church dwindled down to those eight remaining souls. By God’s standard, however, Noah was a success because he continued to preach his sermon faithfully.

We live in the “days of Noah.” Godly preachers faithfully preach Christ even though they see little visible success. These preachers are often ridiculed, persecuted, and even removed from their office because their congregations dwindle. Yet this is to be expected. Jesus tells us that the end of the world will be like in Noah’s day. The return of Christ will come suddenly upon people just as the Flood came and swept them all away. Noah’s preaching brought eight people into the ark and out of reach of the floodwaters. God is doing the same thing today. Through His despised preachers, He is bringing precious souls into His ark of the church, and these will be safe in the Judgment.

Keep me safe, Dear Father, within the ark of Your church. Amen.