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Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it **within and without** with pitch. (Genesis 6:14)

And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, **within and without** shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about. (Exodus 25:10-11)

And when the Pharisee saw it, he marvelled that he had not first washed before dinner. And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness. **Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also?** (Luke 11:38-40)

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Brothers and Sisters,

Brother Skinner expresses his gratitude to each of you who have continued to support the work of God we are involved in. There are many dedicated men and woman who are laboring for our Father who do not have the exposure International Bible Association has and therefore have limited support. We attempt to support some of them with Bibles and finance when we encounter those who have kept their boarders secure. I must admit it has become more difficult to find a holiness work which has not allowed the influence of carnal music and entertainment into their ministry in order to gain funds and popularity. Sometimes it seems like just overnight a ministry departs form defending truth to following after error in order to obtain human control. They forsake the narrow way for the broad because the broad road has no restrictions and multitudes of fleshly pleasure.

The Scriptures above relate to God's instructions on holy and lifesaving manmade structures for the salvation of a human soul. Genesis records God's instructions to the only human living who had not succumbed to the pressures and pleasures of his day to make an ark for himself and to pitch it from within and without. Exodus records God's instructions to the only man who God relied on to make an ark for Him (God) and to overlay if with gold from within and without. Luke records Jesus' dialogue with the carnal established church of His day about their failure to understand God's instructions throughout His commandments (Word) about having both the inside and outside of a human overlaid with obedience to those commandments; self-righteousness from within and unrighteousness from without!

The Pharisees had the outside visible to man cleansed to the letter of the law but neglected the inside visible to God. Now the liberals take this and do away with the outward appearance but Jesus made clear to His disciples when explaining this parable that the inside produces that which appears on the outside. A true believer will be instructed of God to have both the inside and outside protected from the influences of this wicked world we dwell in and that includes both outside and inside of what men label the house of God! Humans who have Jesus truly residing inside will conform to God's instruction to the outside and will seek out fellowship with those who are attempting to overlay both within and without. If only one side is being overlaid they are in the sight of the Creator rejected and no better than the outright sinner. In fact they are worse because they believe they are not in need of repentance to conform and remain without the blood covering.

“And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable. And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.” (Mark 7:17-23)

“For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20)

Brothers and Sisters if you are abiding in Christ the inside and outside are being conformed (more work needed) to the image of His dear Son and you need to help some soul see the need for applying God's commandments found in His Word, the Holy Bible, to both the inside and outside. Take someone to heaven with you. Church is for applying the protection both within and without and if yours is lacking one seek God for direction for the full salvation of your soul.

Holiness of life has always been persecuted since Cain and Able and it is always the worldly church that hates holiness of life and those who contend for it. They are the ones who convince carnal believers and law makers (Pilate) to persecute the true church. It may appear that those who have not tended to within have prevailed like Cain and those Jews at Jesus' trail but Brothers and Sisters we are preparing for heaven and not a prosperous life here on earth. *“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.”* (Matthew 16:26-27)

*“Not as **Cain**, who was of that wicked one, and slew his **brother**. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. **Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.**”* (1 John 3:12-13)

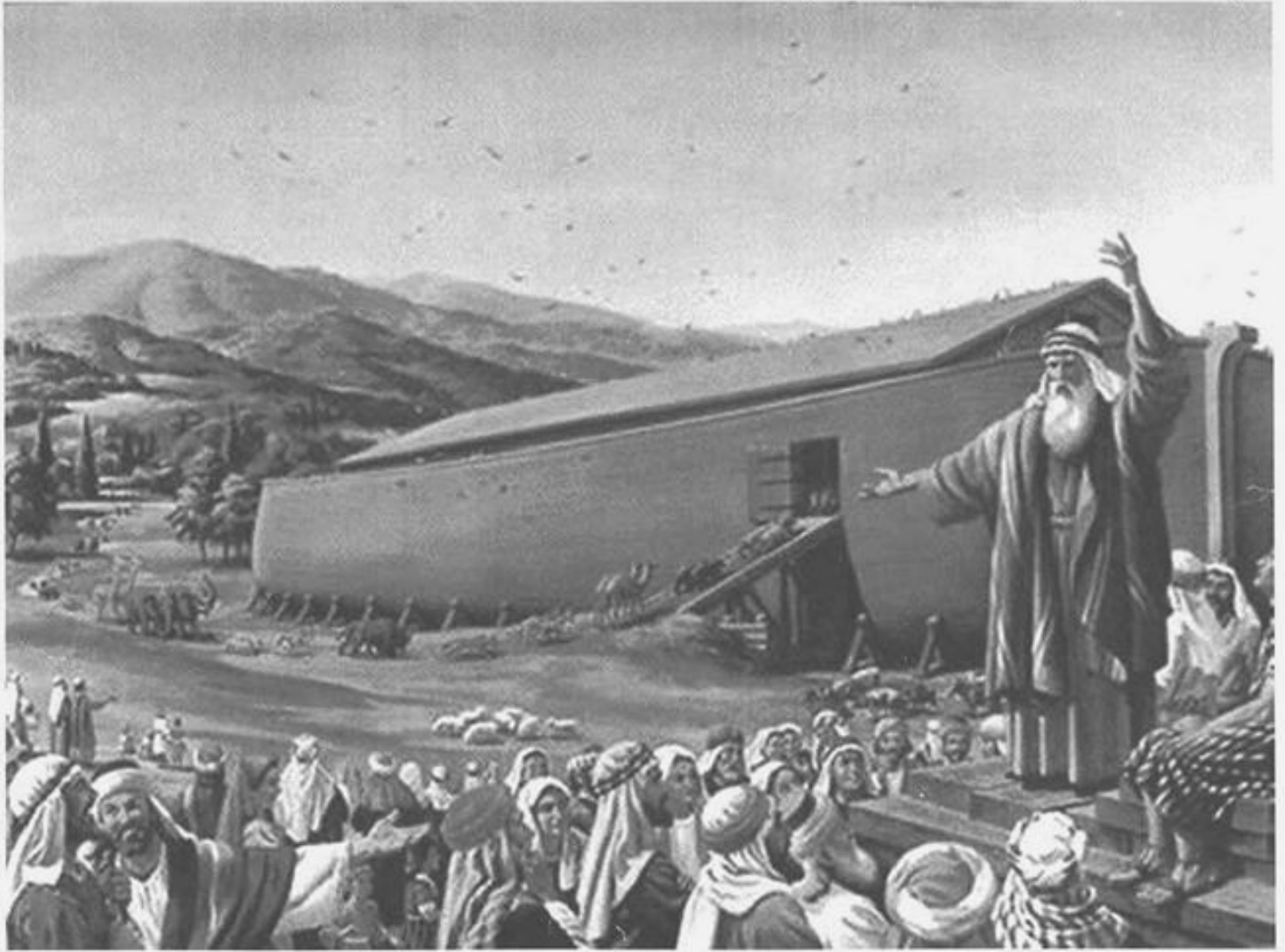
*“But the **chief priests** moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them. And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews? And they cried out again, **Crucify him.**”* (Mark 15:11-13)

*“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should **earnestly contend for the faith** which was once delivered unto the saints.”* (Jude 1:3) Secure your borders not only speaking it but living it: without and within!

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And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. (Luke 17:26)



Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. (Matthew 24:44)