**DON’T YOU DARE QUIT GOD**

**Genesis 6:22**

[**22**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Genesis-6-22/)**Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.**

**INTRO:**

**The days of Noah were a time of . . .**

**1. Pleasure**

**Matthew 24:38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,**

 **a. People today love the Social Pleasures more than God.**

 **\*\* They love the Party Scene more than loving God.**

 **\*\* They love to Play Sports more than loving God.**

 **b. People today love the Sinful Pleasures more than God.**

**Like in Noah’s day . . .**

 **\*\* Sinful Pleasures has overtaken Marriage Vows.**

 **\*\* Sinful Pleasures has overtaken Moral Values.**

**2. Peril**

**Genesis 6:5-6 [5](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Genesis-6-5/%22%20%5Co%20%22View%20more%20info%20for%20Genesis%206%3A5) 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.**

[**6**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Genesis-6-6/)**And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.**

 **a. We see the Perversion of the Land.**

 **b. We see the Pain of the Lord.**

**3. Preaching**

**II Peter 2:5 says that Noah was a preacher of righteousness!**

**\*\*Thank God there are still some preachers that preaches righteousness today and lives what they preach!**

**4. Preparation**

**Genesis 6:14 [14](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Genesis-6-14/%22%20%5Co%20%22View%20more%20info%20for%20Genesis%206%3A14)Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, . . .**

**\*\*We are preparing for the Lord’s return . . .**

 **a. Every day we do God’s Work**

 **b. Every day we do God’s Will**

**QUOTE: There is no indication that Noah was overwhelmed with the thought that he could not change the culture around him. He simply preached, built an ark, and got his loved ones inside. This is the model we must follow today. - Bro. Leonard Fletcher**

**\*\* Today I want to encourage you to keep on praying, praising, and persevering, and don’t you dare quit God!**

**BODY – DON’T YOU DARE QUIT GOD**

**I. IN SPITE OF DEPRAVITY, DON’T QUIT GOD**

**\*\*Depravity is sinfulness, but keep doing what God wants you to do in spite of all the sinfulness!**

 **A. Regardless of the Sinful Characters**

**Matthew 15:18-20 [18](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-15-18/%22%20%5Co%20%22View%20more%20info%20for%20Matthew%2015%3A18) But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.** [**19**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-15-19/) **For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:** [**20**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-15-20/) **These are *the things* which defile a man:**

**\*\*Jesus said that sin doesn’t begin in the head; He said sin does begin in the heart!**

**\*\*Noah kept preaching, praying, praising and persevering despite those whose hearts were filled with ungodliness, unholiness, and unrighteousness.**

**\*\*We cannot let those who are Crafty (evil thoughts), Criminals (murderers), Cheaters (adulterers and fornicators), Crooks (thieves), Cons (false witnesses), and Counterfeits (blasphemers) keep us from living for God, working for God, and quitting God!**

 **B. Regardless of Sinful Conduct**

**I John 3:8 [8](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-3-8/%22%20%5Co%20%22View%20more%20info%20for%201%20John%203%3A8) He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning . . .**

**\*\*Don’t you dare quit God even though you will sometimes see corrupt conduct in the Carnal, in the Corporations, in the Companies, and even sometimes in the Churches.**

 **C. Regardless of Sinful Consistency**

**Genesis 6:5 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.**

**\*\*When wickedness continues to be consistent in those you love . . .**

 **1. Like Noah, Stay Strong in the Faith**

 **2. Like Noah, Stay Steady in the Faithfulness**

 **3. Like Noah, Stay Snug in the Father**

**\*\*Don’t you dare quit praying, praising, or persevering in the work of the Lord even though the depravity surrounds you.**

**II. IN SPITE OF DECEPTION, DON’T QUIT GOD**

**Matthew 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.**

 **A. Although the Scripture has been Deluded**

 **1. Some want to Reject the Scripture.**

 **2. Some want to Reword the Scripture.**

 **3. Some want to Rewrite the Scripture.**

**\*\*I’ve made up my mind that my heart will be fixed upon still embracing that ole King James Bible and keep preaching, keep praying, keep praising, and keep persevering in the work of the Lord!**

 **B. Although the Spirit has been Doubted**

 **1. Some say the Spirit is Non-existent.**

 **2. Some say the Spirit is Non-evident.**

 **3. Some say the Spirit is Non-essential.**

**\*\*No matter what they may say, I’ll keep on enjoying the sweet Holy Spirit as I preach, pray, praise, and persevere.**

 **C. Although the Sanctuary has been Divided**

**\*\*Three things causes churches to divide and attendance to go down.**

 **1. Deceivers divide the church.**

 **2. Disagreements divide the church.**

 **3. Death divides the church.**

 **a. The entombing of the Saints.**

 **b. The extinguishing of the Spirit.**

 **(Extinguish is the definition of quenching!)**

**\*\*Despite the divisions, we can pray that God keeps out the deceivers, the disagreements, the deadness, and the devil!**

**Illustration: Once there was a preacher being interviewed by a pulpit committee. One deacon asked, “At the last church you pastored how many would you say you added to the church while you were there?”**

 **The preacher looked at the deacon and said, “First of all, it never has been my job to add to the church because God adds to the church as He sees fit. Second, if I was doing the adding, then their faithfulness would not last anyway. Third, let’s just say that while pastoring my last church I sure did keep a whole lot more devils out than I got new members in!”**

 **Another old deacon spoke up and said, “That sounds like my kind of preacher!”**

 **D. Although the Savior has been Denied**

 **1. Many have denied His Perfection.**

 **2. Many have denied His Presence.**

 **3. Many have denied His Pardon.**

**\*\*Don’t you dare quit praying, praising, or persevering in the work of the Lord even though the deception surrounds you.**

**III. IN SPITE OF THE DISAPPOINTMENTS, DON’T QUIT GOD**

**I Peter 3:20 . . . the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.**

**\*\*Don’t you dare quit God even though . . .**

 **A. Sometimes Friends Disappoint Us**

 **1. When friends fail you, don’t you dare quit God.**

 **2. When friends forsake you, don’t you dare quit God.**

 **B. Sometimes Family Disappoints Us**

 **1. When family doesn’t believe God, don’t quit God!**

 **2. When family doesn’t behave Godly, don’t quit God!**

 **C. Sometimes Fatalities Disappoints Us**

 **1. Some drown in the waters of Deceit**

 **2. Some drown in the waters of Denial**

 **3. Some drown in the waters of Disbelief**

**\*\*The bible says only eight souls were saved during Noah’s ministry. Think of how many thousands of fatalities Noah heard screaming and drowning as he and his family were huddling together in the Ark of safety.**

**\*\*By today’s standards, many would say Noah was not a very good preacher and that he was a failure in his work for the Lord. The truth is Noah was faithful in his work not a failure in his work.**

**\*\*Don’t you dare quit praying, praising, or persevering in the work of the Lord even though the disappointments surrounds you.**

**IV. IN SPITE OF THE DISTRACTIONS, DON’T QUIT GOD**

**II Peter 3:3-4 [3](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Peter-3-3/%22%20%5Co%20%22View%20more%20info%20for%202%20Peter%203%3A3) Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,**

[**4**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Peter-3-4/)**And saying, Where is the promise of his coming?**

 **A. Keep Working Despite the Ridicule**

 **1. Christians are targeted with the jokes.**

 **2. Christians are teased with the jokes.**

 **B. Keep Working Despite the Rebuking**

 **1. Some people will Snub you.**

 **2. Some people will Scold you.**

 **3. Some people will Slander you.**

 **4. Some people will Scandalize you.**

**Illustration: There used to be a song by the Greenes that said, “I’m going on with my Jesus just the same. I’m going on with my Jesus just the same. You may false accuse me; scandalize my name, but I’m going on with my Jesus just the same.”**

**\*\*Don’t you dare quit praying, praising, or persevering in the work of the Lord even though the distractions surround you.**

**CLOSE**

**1. Did you know God has a work for you to do that is just like the work He had Noah to do?**

**2. I believe God wants you to tell your family and friends and even strangers around you that the end of the world, as we know it, is near.**

**3. I also believe he wants you to help in building an Ark of Safety – not a boat, but an Ark of Safety which is this church.**

**4. The way you build this Ark is by coming every service and be faithful in the work of the Lord.**

**5. You build this Ark by praying and praising. Build this Ark by praying that this Ark stays safe, Spiritual, Spirit-led, and Spirit-filled!**

**\*\*As I look out across this congregation, I see so many that has been surrounded by Depravity, Deceptions, Disappointments, and Distractions.**

**\*\* Some of you have been through hell on earth, and you feel so defeated.**

**\*\*However, I believe that God’s message to you today is to get on this altar before God and pick up the tools of prayer, praise, and persevering. God wants you to keep working until the Ark is built. God wants you to keep working and doing your best to get your family and friends on board.**

**\*\*God is saying today, “Don’t you dare quit \_\_\_\_\_\_!”**

**\*\*Come to this altar right now and pick up the tools and don’t you dare quit God!**