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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

Don't take that chance!

Genesis 6:5-22 NASB - (5) Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that (A)every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (6) The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. (7) The LORD said, " I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them." (8) But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. (9) These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God. (10) Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (11) Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. (12) God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth. (13) Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth. (14) "Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch. (15) "This is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred [a]cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. (16) "You shall make a window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. (17) "Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish. (18) "But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark--you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you. (19) " And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. (20) " Of the birds after their kind, and of the animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. (21) "As for you, take for yourself some of all food which is edible, and gather it to yourself; and it shall be for food for you and for them." (22)Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.

How does the above scripture relate to today? Noah preached for 120 years. There are leaders for Christ preaching the Good News as well. The people ignored Noah and there are many people who are ignoring God's word today. People were partying, lying, cheating, fornicating (sexual sins), murdering and committing other sins. I can tell you, the list is not exhaustive and today those same scenarios are taking place! My brothers and sisters don't be deceived! God has a standard that His people are required to live. If you are not living by that standard, I suggest that you genuinely repent and ask God to help you to get it together before it is too late. "Don't take that chance and miss out." God's word will not go void! The below scripture is self-explanatory.

Matthew 24:42-44 NASB – (42) "Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. (43) "But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. (44) "For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.

Do not be deceived and think, "well I have time," the Apostle James reminds us that we are just a vapor, Here today and gone tomorrow. And none of us should be surprised of this if we truly study God's word.

SCRIPTURE READING MATTHEW 24:36-41

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK Running from God is the longest race of all.