
“On the Earth”
or
“In the Ark”

THOSE who do not read the Bible, or only read it now and then, miss far more than they imagine. It is a wonderful book, it is a miracle-book, THE Book of books. Not that the **bare reading** of Scripture is enough: a “live” wire gives light only when an electric light bulb is in contact with it. A chair and table can receive **nothing**: but the **lack** is not in the live wire. We want you to be like the electric light bulb, ready to receive the “current” of God’s living truth. The Lord Jesus said of some, “**In them** (the Scriptures) **you think you have eternal life.**” “Thinking” is not enough: and therefore He added, “They are they which testify **of Me**, and you will not **come to Me, that you might have life**” (John 5: 39, 40). No mere “thinking” in this second sentence! Remember there are exactly two different classes of people:— (a) Those who **think**

they have, and (b) Those who **have**. In which class are you? If you **come** to Christ, the empty “thinking” will **go**, and you will come to KNOW what it is to be really saved.

Have you read the early chapters of Genesis? The history of the flood is the **first long record** after Adam’s sin, and Cain’s sad conversation with God. **One Year** takes over **two** chapters, whereas 1,656 years previously have only **three or four** between them. If you look at Genesis 7, you will find that the words “upon the earth” come 13 times.⁽¹⁾ Next notice that the words “into” or “in the ark” occur 7 times. Thus we have

the Great Contrast

Upon the Earth there was death! **Within the Ark** there was life! Is there a third place before us? No!

(1) Two Hebrew words are used.

But those who were upon the earth had no need to do anything specially bad to be lost. If they stayed where they were, that was enough. But those who were saved in the ark needed to **come** into it. They were not there naturally: the ark was **not built over their heads**: they must “come.” So is it to-day. If you stay where you are, you will be lost! You need not be a thief, or openly wicked. If you remain away from Christ, you remain in the PLACE OF JUDGMENT. But faith in God’s words is a blessed reason for a lost sinner to COME to Christ to-day. A verse in the New Testament says, “By **faith** Noah, being warned of God of things not **seen** as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the **saving of his house**: by the which he **condemned the world**” (Hebrews 11: 7). Another verse is worded thus, “God...spared not the old **world**, but saved Noah **the**

eighth” (i.e., with seven others, a numbered people, personally and individually coming within, 2 Peter 2: 4, 5). In both cases the contrast is between the

world and a saved **family**.

In both cases the world is LOST, and so is it now. The world is **not** saved, but God is saving **out of** all nations.

No one was at the same time “upon the earth” and “in the ark.” All who were “in the ark” were **before this** “upon the earth,” but **none** who were “upon the earth” were before “in the ark.” No, those who came within, remained there. So the all-important question is “Where are you and I to-day?” We cannot be in two places: we must be in one. The Lord Jesus Christ is the One Ark of safety. He **has** borne the full weight of judgment instead of all who simply trust in Him. The ark was all the time between Noah

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and God's wrath, and there was no water of judgment within. And "there is no judgment against them that are in Christ Jesus."⁽²⁾ Here is a wonderful salvation. "Upon the earth" there was danger, though men did not see it till too late: "in the ark" there was safety for all who BELIEVED AND CAME, BECAUSE GOD SAID SO, BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE. You may well say: "If I truly rest upon Christ's **work**, and listen to His word, 'Come unto Me,'⁽³⁾ I shall be saved, but NOT OTHERWISE." No one could make another ark of his own, however much he tried.

(2) Romans 8: 1

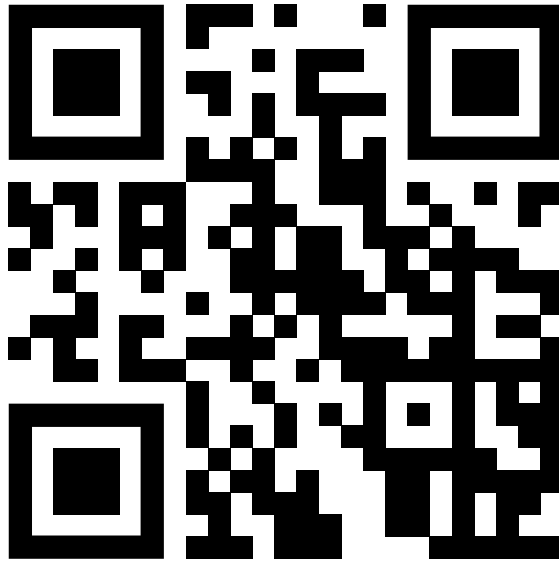
(3) Matthew 11: 28

And thus the world God's judgment chose.
“Upon the earth” the waters rose—
Remaining *where they were* they died,
So now, if you in “self” confide.

But “in the ark” was safety found
And still God's grace and truth abound:
Christ *is the Ark*, in Him alone
Are life and peace and safety known.

“Upon the earth” OR “in the ark,”
The one amazing difference mark:
In *both* you cannot be, but must
In *self* OR in *the Saviour* trust.

Christ is the Ark: none other can
Redeem a single sinful man.
He died to save; His “house” are all
Who, full of NEED, upon Him call.



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