

June 14, 2017

Dear Brethren and Friends,

In another age, in a time when violence overwhelmed civilization, Noah was chosen for a monumental job—to build an Ark. It took decades to complete, and only Noah and his family, along with specified animals, were permitted to enter the Ark. Only they survived the destruction of the Flood.

Jesus compared that time to the period which will usher in His return and the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth. He said that society would not be aware of the trouble which was coming. Prophecies given to Daniel indicate that this will be the worst time ever experienced by mankind, but Jesus promises that the world will be saved from total annihilation—that some will survive and even that some will be divinely protected.

Now, another important aspect of God's great Work is nearing completion, and when it is finished, the end of this age will come. It is the commission given to the Church of God to proclaim the gospel to all nations as a witness, despite the fact that most will ignore the message.

Brethren, what can we say of ourselves at this time? How do we fit into the events of our generation? Prophetic statements about the Church of God indicate that not all Christians are prepared for what is happening now—much less for what the future holds.

The problem is one of complacency—especially about engaging in the end-time commission of the Work of God!

In that regard, let's test ourselves. Do we consider the job at hand on a daily basis, or do we only occasionally think about the big picture and the great purpose to be accomplished by God's people. It is, first and foremost, to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God and to feed those whom God will call as a result!

Consider the dozens of people in Europe who have responded to the powerful preaching of Norbert Link in the German language. Now, the Church of God is firmly established and growing in Germany. But with that growth, we need more help. Leadership is required. Pray that God will provide it—we can all participate in the Work by seeking God's help in this regard.

Amazing opportunities have been set before the Church of God to do the Work. The "open door" of the Internet allows us to post our sermons and publications on our own website as well as other places, such as YouTube. Remarkably, this information is available all over the world. But we must not take this for granted. Doors can be closed! Pray that we can effectively use these tools while we have them.

As members of the Body of Christ, the Church of God, we are responsible to add what we can to the Work of God. While we are small in numbers, scattered in locations and only able to all get together at the Feast of Tabernacles, still, we serve as the backbone of support for the Work being accomplished. Pray about your individual role as well as for the kind of godly unity which, together, will make us successful.

In all that we do, our actions must be to please God and to follow the lead of Jesus Christ. Pray that we can do this with fervent zeal in fulfilling the end-time commission of the Work of God!

Do this and we will be prepared—able to face those things which are coming.

In Christ's Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Harris".

Dave Harris