

*"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, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." Hebrews 11:7 KJV*

The event and the level of anticipation for it, determines the mode and level of preparedness. The more information available, the more prepared one can be. In many sports, competitors study one another to find flaws and weaknesses months even years in advance of competition. Ability, fitness, time, and resources are factors in preparedness level. No matter how prepared you may think you are; the best laid plans of men often go awry over some small overlooked detail.



Believers should be prepared for Satan's attacks; for they are coming! *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith."* We need faith to prepare for preaching the Gospel; ministering to the saints; hearing God's Voice; *"run with patience; abstain from all appearance of evil; pray without ceasing; love one another;"* and to be ready for *"appearing of Jesus Christ."* Have you prepared your life in a such a way that when you are in familiar company, you can *"preach Christ and Him crucified"* without embarrassment? Rest assured, you will see all your loved ones and acquaintances again after death. The question is: will you see them at the Judgment Seat of Christ where believer's works will be tried, or will you see them at the Great White Throne Judgment where unbelievers are condemned for eternity? Will you have to watch them cast into *"outer darkness"* knowing you could have tried to persuade them with the Gospel, but didn't because you were unprepared? I may be ready for Glory, but is my neighbor? My family? My friends? I'm sure there were many mornings Noah had to minister to his discouraged and weary family as they built the ark with nothing but hand tools and sweat. There were no lumber mills or hardware stores to run to for supplies. Tools had to be made. Timber had to be cut and sawed into planks. Planks had to be shaped and fitted. A 450 foot long, three story barge doesn't just happen overnight. Noah's *"unfeigned faith"* convinced his family to labor with him for many long years. No one had ever seen rain. Is your faith prepared enough to convince others of God's Truth?

Trusting God's unchanging Word,  
Means what you do may seem absurd,  
When others scoff and ridicule,  
You'll know that surely they are fools. ~CGP

Preparedness for believers is directly proportional to faithfulness. Faithfulness is loving obedience to God. Sin is unbelief. All disobedience is sin. We may think we have a "get out of jail, free" card in the forgiveness and mercy of God, And we do if we repent, but if you don't forsake your disobedience you **HAVE NOT REPENTED!** Repentance is obedience! As many times as you have to stop disobeying, do it. It's not the falling don God is interested in; it's the getting back up! *"A just man falleth seven times (completely), and riseth up AGAIN."* We may not know what tomorrow may bring, but we know the One who does. Nothing will ever be too much for faithful. Are you prepared?

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you," 1 Peter 1:3-4 KJV*