

CHAPTER 18

Do You Know You Are To Build An Ark?"

Foundational Review

Five sessions ago we reached the climax of our question, "Seventh-day Adventist Christian: Do you know who you are?" We studied the Sanctuary, illustrating the Covenant Grace-Faith Relationship for us personally, enabling us to stand before God with confidence by Faith in His ability to do what He has promised. We followed in the next session with the Three Angels' Messages, illustrating this same Covenant Grace-Faith Relationship as we present it to others.

Then we got practical, investigating basic, real life applications of this Christian life, lived in our own lives and demonstrated to others, as the Remnant in the Time of the End.

We have studied Making Disciples, like Abraham made disciples, Being a Witness like the Wild Man became a witness, and Being One of the Sheep in caring for those in need.

Be sure you read Chapter 18 before working through this study. The discussion we are about to have will be much easier, because some of the questions are asking for ideas directly from the chapter.



Part 1: The Remnant

First of all, do you understand the concept of the Visible Remnant and the Invisible Remnant as we discussed Chapter 11 about the Remnant?

QUESTION #1:

The following five points describe the Visible Remnant. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word from Scripture.

- a. (READ John 16:8) By _____ and (Ezekiel 36:26-27) a change of _____ – the Visible Remnant has chosen to live in Covenant Grace-Faith Relationship with God. This does not make them the Remnant; it makes them true Christians. (Remember: You have to be a Christian before you can be a Seventh-day Adventist Christian.)

You Are:

- A Saint (Ephesians 1:1)
- and Beloved (Ephesians 1:6; John 16:27)
- A Christian/the 5 C's (Acts 11:26)
- In a Covenant Grace/Faith Relationship with God (Gal. 2:8)
- Accepting/Received From/Faith Son (1 John 4:7)
- Abiding/Growing In/Hope/Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:12-16)
- Acting/Becoming Like/Love/Father (2 Peter 1:4)
- Required to choose (Rom. 12:1)
- Each choice is made by Faith (Romans 4:21)
- Faith works by Love (Gal. 5:6)
- Gifts of Holy Spirit-internal/external change (Romans 12:2)
- Keep the Commandments because of Love (John 15:8-10)
- Function: Priests and Stewards by Faith (Hebrews 11:6)
 - Priests (1 Peter 2:9; Hebrews 9:1-6)
 - Stewards (Philippians 2:1-5; Matthew 25:21)
- Unique calling: Seventh-day Adventists (Revelation 12:17)
 - To be the Remnant/painfully human (Isaiah 37:31, 32)
 - To restore the lost teachings (Isaiah 58:12; Jeremiah 31:21)
 - To give 3 Angels' Messages (Revelation 14:6-12)

This is basic Christianity.
(Ephesians 3:14-19)

*Remember
who you are*

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b. They have a (Revelation 14:6-12) _____
to deliver to the people of the world, both to those who
have chosen to live in relationship with God and those
who have not. What's the message? (Jeremiah 23:2-6)

c. The Remnant must personally (Revelation 14:12a)
_____ and explain to others a
_____. This does not change
them into the Remnant; it reveals them to be the
Remnant. The Remnant is recognized as separate
and distinct from other Christian by their special
God-assigned task.

d. They are assigned a task to provide for the (Isaiah
37:32) _____ of others. The Visible
Remnant will function as Stewards and Priests, a
very serious appointment of the Lord.

e. In the crisis – Remnant must function, can only
function, in the power of the _____.
(Zechariah 4:6) The Remnant's connection with the
Holy Spirit must be established _____
to the time when they must work by His power.
(Matthew 25:1-4)

Do you see why the answer to our question, "Do you
know who you are?", is so important? This is who we are
as Seventh-day Adventist Christians.

f. READ Revelation 12:17. With whom is the Dragon
angry, the Woman? No. The daughters of the woman
(the seed)? No. Then with whom is the Dragon angry?

Why is he angry with them, in the Time of the End?
(Revelation 12:11, 17)

QUESTION #2:

The Invisible Remnant are described in both the Old and
New Testaments.

a. How are they described in the OT? (Zechariah 8:22-23)



b. How are they described in the NT? (John 12:20-21)

There is a Remnant, visible to all, who have their
assignment and their task. They are calling out to
whom? Yes, everyone. But who responds? Those who
want what the Remnant has found for themselves and
for others. These are the Invisible Remnant who respond
and join with the Visible Remnant to make the Final
Remnant People of God in the Time of the End.

QUESTION #3:

There have always been Remnants, Visible and Invisible.

a. List (by group or by name) the Invisible Remnant;
those in the world who responded to the messages
of the Visible Remnant listed. (Use the Bible or the
Internet, or other research tools)

- Noah –
- Abraham –
- Elijah –
- John the Baptist –
- Martin Luther –
- John Wesley –
- Joseph Wolfe –
- William Miller –
- Mark Finley –

Think It Through

If you are part of the Visible Remnant Church, what
Invisible Remnant are you hoping will respond to your
messages?

QUESTION #4:

Just as a REVIEW (to solidify the concept in your mind), list the activities that the former Visible Remnant have been doing while living in the Covenant Grace-Faith Relationship. (See the activities list under VISIBLE REMNANT above)

Think It Through

What is it that you, as part of the Visible Remnant, will have been doing to reach your Invisible Remnant?



Part 2: Noah

What three messages (similar to Noah's messages) are the Visible Remnant to be preaching in the Time of the End?

Noah #1: God loves you and wants to rescue you.
Time of the End #1: First Angel (John 3:16)

QUESTION #1:

READ Revelation 14:6-7; Romans 1:16. What name does the Visible Remnant use to describe what God is offering with this first Gift?

Noah #2: God is giving you a choice.
Time of the End #2: Second Angel (1 Kings 18:21)

QUESTION #2:

What is Gift #2 and the choice that accompanies the Gift?

GIFT: John 14:16 vs. Ephesians 2:2

CHOICE: Micah 6:8 vs. 1 John 2:16

QUESTION #3:

READ Revelation 14:8. From where does God call people to be transformed by this second gift?

Out of what? (2 Thessalonians 2:9-10; Revelation 13:13-14)

Into what? (John 14:16-17; 15:5)

Noah #3: There are consequences to your choice.
Time of the End #3: Third Angel (Revelation 22:12; John 5:28-29)

QUESTION #4:

READ Revelation 14:12; compare to 2 Peter 1:4. Those who respond positively to the first two messages, what do they develop under the guidance of Gift #2?

QUESTION #5:

READ Revelation 18:2-4; 2 Peter 3:7. What is the purpose of the Special Emphasis Message?

Living in these days of ease, this scenario is very difficult to imagine and extremely difficult for the painfully human Visible Remnant to do.

■ Think It Through

This is a review question, which reminds us of just how critical the previous sessions have been. It is critical that you know this, that you dream this, that you automatically answer this when asked – that you never forget and never try to do it any other way. READ Ezekiel 37:14; Zechariah 4:6. By what process and by what power is the visible Remnant able to carry out this task?

QUESTION #5:

By reading the chapter beforehand, you will know what kind of opposition the Visible Remnant should expect to these messages. Read about this opposition in the chapter and answer: What are the three kinds of people opposed to Noah when he delivered his messages. Who were they?

Colossians 2:8

Matthew 15:8-9

Micah 7:6

QUESTION #6:

READ Acts 8:26-29. Who are the Visible Remnant looking for? Who is left to talk to?

a. READ Acts 8:27. In the Time of the End, what does an "Ethiopian" mean?

b. READ 1 John 1:1-3; Romans 8:14. What is the "Ethiopian" looking for?

Part 3: The Ark

QUESTION #1:

While the Remnant are acting the part of making disciples, being witnesses, and serving others (as Sheep), what is the fourth task they are called to do? What's the name of this final chapter?



QUESTION #2:

What is the New Testament equivalent of the Ark? Answer with two or three words from the scripture.

Ephesians 4:12

1 Peter 2:5

Matthew 16:18



QUESTION #3:

What three characteristics must this "ark" have, just like Noah's Ark had?

a. **Receiving from** (Psalms 119:114, 117)

b. **Growing in** (Ephesians 4:15)

c. **Becoming like** (Ephesians 4:13, 16)

QUESTION #4:

How do you build an “ark?” This seems like a hard question, but actually you already know how to do this. Give a two or three word answer from the scriptures.

a. **Receive from** – *Do justly*

Deuteronomy 6:5

Joshua 24:15b

Romans 8:5

b. **Grow in** – *Love mercy*

Acts 4:23-30

Matthew 5:16

Colossians 3:12-17

c. **Become like** – *Walk humbly*

Matthew 9:36

Luke 10:33

2 Peter 1:4

Please understand that this is why it was so important for you to establish the Covenant Grace-Faith Relationship by Faith in Jesus. This is why it was so important to establish obedience from the heart by Hope in the Holy Spirit. This is why it was so important to establish the power of the Spirit by Love of the Father as the source of functioning by the church. All this must be in place in order to build an Ark – (as in the chapter) deliberately, radically, compassionately.

Take Home

Thought Question

The description of those whom Jesus intended for His People to reach out to in Matthew 25:35-36 is listed below. Following each word, you will find a two-word description of the literal meaning of the word. At the end of the line, write a two-word description of the metaphorical meaning of the word. Use the scriptural definition of each word by looking up each word in a concordance.

- a. Can you picture them? Are you aware of “those who dwell on the earth” who are:

<i>Literal</i>	<i>Metaphorical</i>
“hungry” – without food	Amos 8:11; John 6:35 –
“thirsty” – without water	Isaiah 55:1; John 4:14 –
“strangers” – not known, not accepted	Ephesians 2:12-14 –
“naked” – exposed, without clothing	Psalms 32:1; 91:4 –
“sick” and tired – ill and dying	Isaiah 1:5-6; Jeremiah 3:22; Matthew 11:28-29 –
“imprisoned” and bound – in jail	Isaiah 49:8-10 –

- b. How will you respond to these people, do you think?

- c. What kind of Ark will you build? Who will help you?

- d. What will it look like? Will it look like your church currently?)
