

Good morning and happy Sabbath brothers and sisters.

Today's sermon is designated to encourage every one here today, to participate more enthusiastically, in what is a very important and necessary work.

! To work for God! And due to the urgency of the moment and due to the fulfillment of Bible prophecies, we can no longer waste one minute.

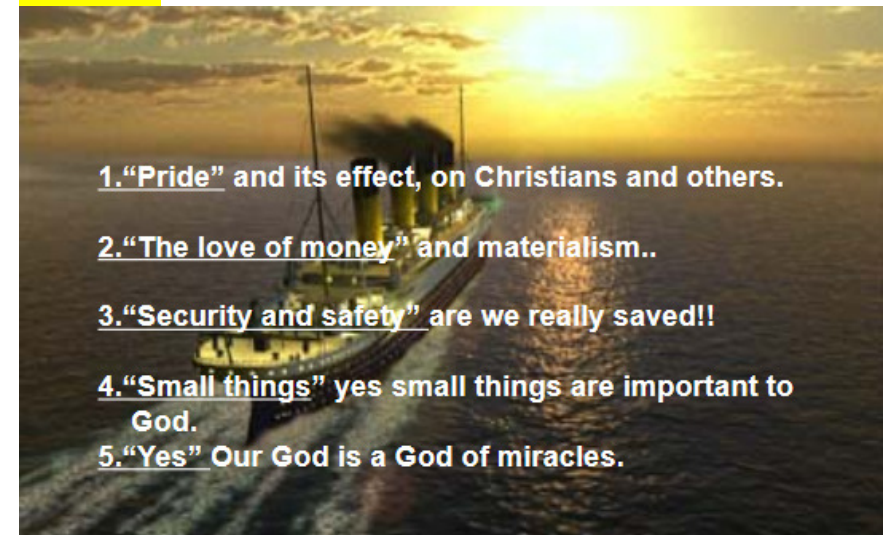
You know brothers and sisters every Christian believer, first finds out about God and then **manifest God!!**

During this presentation, I will show a relationship, between the Titanic disaster and the disastrous, situation the world finds itself in today.

We are also going to examine ourselves to see if we are of the faith, not only as individuals but as a church as well!!

All the information presented on the Titanic is true and factual; it was researched through several publications and also information was acquired through the library of congress of the United States. The U.S. Government did an extensive investigation at that time. And during this research it became very clear, that there are at least 5 important spiritual lessons to be gained by this disaster.

Which are:



1. "Pride" and its effect, on Christians and others.
2. "The love of money" and materialism..
3. "Security and safety" are we really saved!!
4. "Small things" yes small things are important to God.
5. "Yes" Our God is a God of miracles.

You know brothers and sisters the Gospel is not something we just come to church to hear, no no.

The Gospel is also something, that when we leave from this place, we go out and tell others. So listen very carefully and take this message, to the spiritually hungry and needy of the world.

Did you know brothers and sisters that the Titanic has become an international symbol for disaster!

On a Sunday night April 14, 1912, the world's largest and most luxurious ship struck an Iceberg on the north Atlantic, ripping a 300 foot hole in its side.



This wonder of engineering, this ship of power, grace and elegance said to be unsinkable.

Took less than 3 hours to nose over and plunge more than 2 miles to the bottom of the North Atlantic Ocean. 1522 people were dragged to a watery grave.

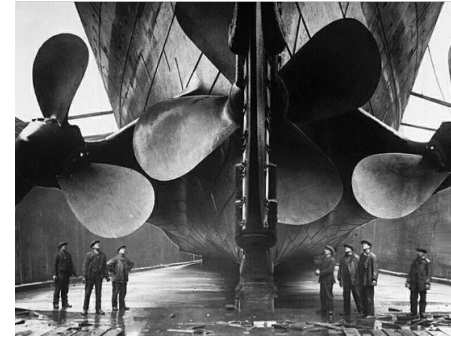
713 people survived and watched in horror and total disbelief.

The Titanic was called the wonder ship and it was celebrating its first voyage and on board was some of the world's most wealthy people.

The Titanic was almost 900 feet long the equivalent of 5 city blocks.

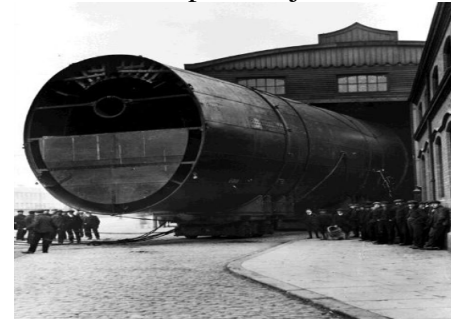
It had a height of 175 feet the equivalent of an 11 story building.

The propellers measured almost 24 feet in diameter 23.5 to be exact.



The Titanic also carried more than 6000 pounds of coal to burn in 159 furnaces, which were connected to its 29 boilers that pushed this elegant ship, to a fast speed of almost 25 knots per hour.

The Titanic had 4 smoke stacks (or chimneys) each measured 22 feet wide and 62 feet deep that's just one chimney.



Now imagine how impressive and grandiose and spectacular the rest of the ship was.

This ship was reported by the press to be absolutely unsinkable and one newspaper dared to say that, not even God could sink it!!

There are spiritual lessons to be gained by this disaster this tragedy.

Every person in this sanctuary should learn those spiritual lessons or face an even greater calamity than the Titanic.

Please open up your Bibles to the book of Psalms 107: 23, 24

²³ *Some went out on the sea in ships;
they were merchants on the mighty waters.*
²⁴ *They saw the works of the LORD,
his wonderful deeds in the deep.*

So brothers and sisters, let us see what wonders Jehovah has for us, so we don't have to fall into the same trap, as the Titanic as a congregation and individuals as well.

The first spiritual lesson to be learned is how arrogant and proud the builders of the Titanic were. The very name Titanic was an attack to the sovereignty of God.

Brothers and sisters those of us who have studied mythology understand that, the name Titanic, comes from the word titans and in mythology, the titans were a race of people, who fought against God, over the forces of nature.

The name Titanic was given in honor of the titans, who fought against God!

Brothers and sisters the name Titanic was a slap in the face of God, it was an expression of mans arrogance, of mans rebellion and mans pride!

Pride is our #1 spiritual lesson learned from this tragedy

Please open up your Bibles to the book of James 4:6

⁶ *But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:*

*“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”*

Now let's read Proverbs 6:16,17, 18

*There are six things the LORD hates,
seven that are detestable to him:
¹⁷ haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
hands that shed innocent blood,
¹⁸ a heart that devises wicked schemes,
feet that are quick to rush into evil.*

Did you see that! It said there are six things God hates, including these 3.

A proud look, a lying tongue and hands that shed innocent blood and all three, relate in one way or an other, to this tragedy.

Brothers and sisters the Titanic was the incorporation of man's arrogance and pride. It was also mans superstitions faith in materialism.

God says, pride goes before the fall and a man that's injected with pride needs nothing, not even God.

Pride is a cancer that devours the possibility of love and unity in your family and yes also in the church.

Pride can never say I'm sorry!

Pride can never say I was wrong!

Pride can never say please forgive me!

Pride turns the sweetest fruits into bitter vinegar!

Pride is very superficial!

Pride is a deadly sin that always separates us from God!

Pride always demands the center of attention!

Pride is the swelling of the heart that fills us with self importance.

It raises us above others, so that we can look down on them, with arrogance.

We are not better than others, but pride whispers in our ears and says you are **superior**.

Open your Bibles to: Luke 18:10, 11, 12, and 13

10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

12 I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I possess.

13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

Did you see how Jesus presented this portrait of pride.

Where the publican and the Pharisee praying in the synagogue and the Pharisee said:

Lord, I thank you that I am not like other people, or even as this publican, because I fast twice a week and I tithe, all that I own.

However also there was a publican who said Lord be merciful to me, I am a sinner.

Now brothers and sisters which of these to people are you?

You know Jesus once said “publicans and prostitutes would get into the kingdom of heaven before the Pharisees.

You know; because of pride on the Titanic the less wealthy passengers, the ones in second and third class, those passengers were locked behind steel doors even as the ship was sinking

That way the rich, the first class passengers could get into the life boats, you see there were not enough life boats for every one. So the rich got the preference. These life boats were made to handle 65 people each, but some had only 12 people in them.

Then when the ship started sinking and sinking only then, were the passengers released, as they scrambled on to the deck the ships main deck but it was too late and they all died.

Pride was responsible for there deaths, pride is the idolatry, that attempts to make you equal to God, pride is the rebellion against the son of God himself.

Pride guarantees Gods destruction and Gods swift judgment and if pride is in our mouth and in our thoughts and in our spirits, lets get rid of it, because it will destroy our souls.

So brothers and sisters when doing missionary work, tell others about the Titanic and pride tell them about Christ and salvation!!
Amen

Our second spiritual lesson learned!

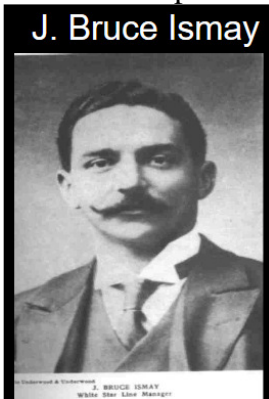
You know brothers and sisters, as the Titanic raced across the Atlantic on those freezing waters filled with icebergs, the Titanic was warned by others ships 12 times.

Brothers and sisters 12 different times the Titanic was warned to change the course.

However the problem was that a gentlemen who was the **president** of “The White Star Line”



You see that was the company that owned the Titanic his name was J. Bruce Ismay as the president of the shipping company, he ordered the captain of the Titanic to proceed ahead.



He ordered the captain to burn more coal, in the boilers push it to the maximum and break speed record for crossing the north Atlantic.

You see by breaking the speed record it would mean huge profits, for the company.

It would crush the competition in the shipping industry and so this unsinkable ship and all its majesty sped across the North Atlantic in the darkness into the jaws of death!!

Refusing to change course and all of this for the love of money!!

Mr., lady, young man, young lady and anyone else that is hearing my voice!!

Have you heard the word of God saying to you, change course, change course!

Have you heard the voice of God saying to you change your behavior and you know that what you are doing, is sin and you also know, that the wages of sin, is death.

So brothers and sisters change course, change course, change course and go back to the cross of Calvary, where a living God can forgive you of your sins and make you, a new creature in Christ.

However if you refuse to change course and accept Jesus, I'm sorry to tell you this; your disaster will be a much bigger calamity than the Titanic ever was.

The love of money drove the Titanic into the iceberg; it sent 1522 people to their deaths and the love of money, also may be killing some of us here today.

For the love of money some people don't regularly tithe and make offerings.

Also for the love of money some people may be sacrificing the happiness of their families, of there marriage, putting in jeopardy the family unit.

All of this because, some people choose the altar of materialism over the Savior Jesus Christ.

Some people always want what they can not keep and sometimes they go out and buy things that they don't need causing a major problem in the family and marriage, but why!!

You know the Bible says: that life does not consist of an abundance of things!!

So brothers and sisters when doing your missionary work, talk about the love of money, tell them not to follow the example of the Titanic.

Tell them, change the course and let Jesus Christ make you a new creature Amen!!

The third spiritual lesson gained by this disaster we are going to call “Security and Safety”.

On board the Titanic everyone thought they were secure and safe, after all this ship had 12 different water tight compartments witch made the people safe, so very one thought their safety and security was guaranteed .

But the fact is brothers and sisters more than 2/3 of the passengers died only less than 1/3 were saved.

Brothers and sisters I want you to listen to what a famous philosopher once said on this subject. Pay close attention.

The greatest tragedy in our lives is for us to find out, that the thing we believe, to be true is not true at all.

Let me repeat it one more time.

The greatest tragedy in our lives is for us to find out, that the thing we believe, to be true is not true at all.

Think about it, for a few seconds.

Now brothers and sisters, let me ask you a question?

Lets suppose this, what if you believed, with all your heart and soul, that you were saved.

And on judgment day, in the presence of God, you hear the thundering voice of God say:

Depart from me, worker of inequity, I never knew you and at that moment, angels escort you out, from the presence of God.

Well every one on the Titanic believed they were absolutely safe, but they were not.



You know most Christians and many of our church members, believe that they are safe and saved, but however, they could be, without God and lost.

But how can you say this brother Navarro about our very own church members.

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Please open your Bibles to the book of: 2 Corinthians 13:5
5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

Did you notice what it said! I will repeat, let a man examine himself, to see if he is of the faith! This really means, are you saved or are you religious and lost.

Or maybe you are just pretending and not fully committed to Christ!

So the question is; are we really saved, or are we just Christians, like the Titanic, blindly dashing to destruction!

Let us read what Jesus has to say in the book of:

Mathew 7:22, 23

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Did you pay attention to the reading, it is very obvious brothers and Sisters that God is talking to the church here! You won't find non-believers practicing those things!

Jesus once said, "Broad is the way that leads to hell and narrow is the way that leads to heaven and few will be those that find it, not many but only a few.M"

Let's go ahead on the same book to Mathew 24:4, 11 and 24

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

24 For there shall arise false Christ's, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Now lets examine these verses together, we just read in verse 4 the disciple asked Jesus, what is the sign of the end of the world.

And Jesus answered, take he that no man deceive you and then in verse 11 Jesus says.

Many prophets shall arise and deceive many; again, not a few, but many.

And he continues in verse 24 there shall arise false prophets and if it were possible, the very elected, would be deceived, you see, it said the very elected would be deceived.

He is talking about us the church!!!

Now the apostle Peter continues on this theme open your Bibles to: 1st Peter 4:17, 18

17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

Again did you read and pay attention, it said for the time has come, that judgment must begin in the house of God and if the righteous scarcely be saved.

Brothers and sisters, pay close attention here to the words, if the righteous scarcely be saved!!

Let's repeat, if the righteous scarcely be saved!!

So brothers and sisters, I ask you again. Are you really saved or are you religious and lost?

Are you attracted to the ritual or are you attracted to the Redeemer.

Are you attracted to the ceremony or are you attracted to Christ.

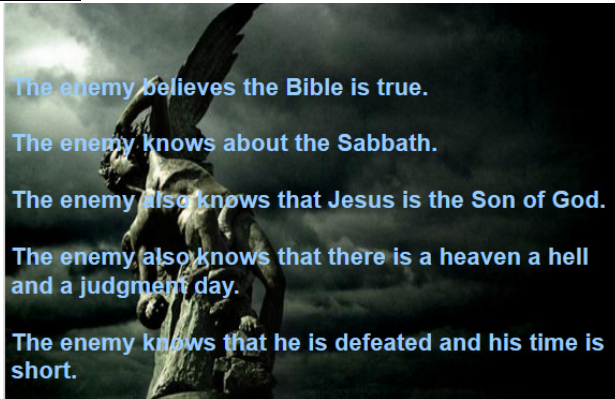
Are you attracted to your own idea of God, one that denies his power, or are you really attracted to the son of God.

Which is it brothers and sisters?

Now can I ask you another question? What do you think is the difference between the enemy and a church member?

Lets us elaborate **on this question.**

Let us see; well



The enemy knows all these things, so then what is the difference between a church member and the enemy?

Here is the answer, the enemy has never and will never confess Jesus Christ publicly.

So the other question that I have for you is, have you confessed Christ publicly?

If you have not, you are lost and without God! For Jesus said if you deny me before man I will deny you before my Father and his angels which are in heaven.

So brothers and sisters when doing your missionary work tell them; every one on the Titanic thought they were safe, but they were not!

Tell them they must come to Christ; to the cross; and get baptized and confess him publicly! Amen.

The fourth spiritual lesson learned;

The disaster of the Titanic proves without a doubt that little things do mean a lot. In examining all the information and accounts of the Titanic tragedy, it became very apparent that it was not necessary for this tragic accident to have happened.

There are 3 facts that lead to this conclusion;

Fact # 1 there was not on the observation deck a set of binoculars available.



I did a little research on that and they did have a set of binoculars but they were an officer's personal belongings so when his shift ended he took them to his locker.

Had a set of binoculars been available the crew would have seen the large Iceberg at a distance, giving the ship time to change course!!

Think about that brothers and sisters, a little thing like a set of binoculars could have saved 1522 people

Little things do mean a lot.

Fact # 2 Red flares were not available on board, red flares were an international maritime symbol for danger when you saw a red flare shot up in the sky, it meant help!



I also did an investigation and they did shoot flares up in the sky; they shot 8 flares; but they weren't red, they were white.

If somebody saw them they probably thought they were having fun it was its first trip and they were dancing inside and having fun.

Think about this a red flare sent into the sky could have been seen by another ship.

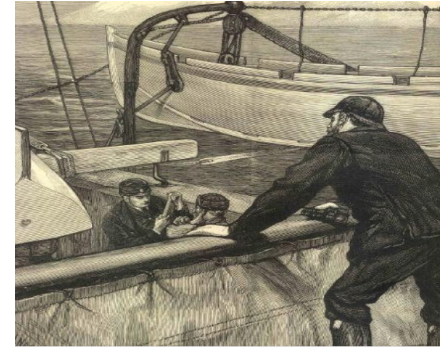
You know the ship called the Californian was just less than nine miles away and could have come to the rescue.

Think about it brothers and sisters, one red flare could have saved 1522 people.

Little things do mean a lot.

Fact # 3 it was customary to measure the sea water temperature, when navigating in this part of the ocean.

There was an officer aboard just to do this, however he had never worked on a ship this size.



You know the way you measured the water temperature was to simply drop a water bag attached at the end of the rope, drop it to the sea and fill the water bag with sea water.

Then pull the water bag with the rope right back up and with the help of another officer, drop the thermometer in the water bag, measure the temperature and enter the reading on the captain's book of entry.

However there was a problem and it was this.

The officer in charge of the rope and the water bag, brought on board a rope that was too short, you see he had never worked on a ship this tall.

So instead of him being embarrassed and possibly being fired, his solution, well he filled the water bag, with fresh water from the ship instead.

This gave every body a false temperature, there was never any clue that the water of the north Atlantic was below freezing.

Think about it brothers and sisters 1522 people could have been saved, only if, that rope was just a little longer.

Little things do mean a lot.

Brothers and sisters did you know that out in the world today, there are thousands of people, ready to be rescued.

They are calling for help and assistance.

They are ready to be picked up spiritually and their souls saved.

Did you know that all that might be necessary perhaps, is one simple visit and perhaps one prayer with them?

Or perhaps they are in need of one Bible study lesson, or maybe what they need, is some literature, from our church.

Or perhaps all you have to do is offer one invitation for them to attend and worship with us, right here at our church!

Brothers and sisters little things could have saved many on the Titanic also little things could have saved many souls for Christ.

So when doing your missionary work remember little things, one short visit, one Bible lesson, one invitation to attend our church service, literature from our church.

Little things do mean a lot, even to God!!

The fifth spiritual lesson gained is this;

Our God sure is a God of miracles and with this story and illustration I will end my sermon.

Just listen to this story and testimony by 2nd officer Charles L. Lightoller. His testimony is true, and given as part of the investigation before the government of the United States.



Here is the testimony in his own words!

I could sense that the end was near, the ship took an abrupt plunge forward, and the sea rolled up over the ships control center I was standing on the roof of the command post there was sea water every where, I saw the ship sinking, I jumped and started swimming over the ship.

It was almost all inundated with sea water I swam over the deck and over one of the chimneys, the sea water was pouring down one of the chimneys shaft, suddenly I was pulled by a powerful suction down the chimney, which was sucking me down to my death.

However as a Christian and a believer I opened my mouth and said a short prayer and knowing that I was about to die, I shouted the words of Psalms 91:11 which says

He shall give you angels charge over thee to protect you in all your ways.

At that moment a boiler exploded which was down at the bottom of the ship, it blew up and the explosion was so great, that a volume of hot air, shut up the chimney where I was and it threw me clear of the ship and I came down at sea, right next to a half empty life boat.

The people aboard the little boat, picked me up and put me inside!!

How about that brothers and sisters our God is definitely a God of miracles.

He is a God of majesty and he is greater than the power of darkness!! Amen

You know some of us right here in our sanctuary are being sucked under by the trials of life.

But I am saying to you, invoke the name of God and believe in him and miracles can explode in your life.

Perhaps you believe that defeat is inescapable well our Bible reading for today says in Psalms 91:11

He shall give you angels charge over thee to protect you in all your ways.

Do you feel fear? In the midst of your daily living?

Jesus said:

Fear not the past because I can forgive it.

Fear not the present because I will never forget or forsake you even until the end of the earth.

Fear not sickness or disease, because I am the great healer.

I will be with you always, I was the one that was dead, but behold I'm alive forever more.

I will meet you on the other side of the Jordan River and give you eternal life that should never perish. Amen!

You know brothers and sisters aboard the Titanic, while the band and the music was playing, while the passengers were having parties, celebrating and while they were drinking and dancing, while they were having lots of fun, the ship struck an Iceberg and sunk!

And I can't contrast this tragedy with what is really happening in the world today.

You know while the band plays and music is up in the air, the enemy is telling us; it is safe go and have a good time.

The world is very fast sinking and coming to an end. Our problems are moral and spiritual and if we don't turn to our God, we will sink and be gone.

My wish and my hope is that the Holy Spirit will touch every one here today.

My hope also is, that the Holy Spirit will touch thousands of people out there in the world waiting to be rescued and saved.

Can you devote some time to do this precious and necessary work for our Savior.

He needs your feet to do the walking

Your mouth to do the talking and your hands to pass out our Christian literature; he needs you to communicate his message of salvation! Amen

You know every church should be a missionary society.

Our mission should be to reach and to get to heaven.

Our goal should be to try to win and rescue other sinners for Christ and also try to take as many souls as we can to heaven with us.

We are going to have a special music, during this song please stand up if you would like to confess Christ publicly.

Or if you would like to accept the Lord Jesus or perhaps you would like to manifest your love for the Lord.

Or if you simply want to show support or participate in our evangelistic program, come forward or stand up during this special music.

You know brothers and sisters the soul that you try to rescue and win for Christ, might very well be your own.

Stand up!! Don't be afraid our God is a God of **miracles**.
God will perform a miracle in your life today. ! Amen!

God bless you.



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