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A TITANIC TRAGEDY

(2 Peter 3:1 - 12)

INTRODUCTION - April 14, 1912, 11:40 PM, the pride of the White Star Fleet hit an iceberg 800 miles off the coast of Newfoundland and sank in 2 hours 40 minutes. Approximately 2,200 passengers, 711 rescued, 1,500 perished.

The passenger list included the famous: John Jacob Astor, Mj. Archibald Butt, Ben Gugenheim, Isadore Strauss, Jay Ismay and others walking the deck having no idea that it would be their last voyage.

Passengers never dreamed that lifeboats would be used. It carried the nickname "Virtually Unsinkable" Titanic. They said, "Not even God can sink the Titanic."

It did sink, and newspapers showed 2 columns: one column dealt with "theory" (what it supposedly would take to sink this ship), the second column titled "fact" and below it the lone picture of the Titanic impaled on an iceberg.

When the Titanic split open that night, began sinking, none of man's theories could save it.

1. THE TRAGEDY OF NOT BEING PREPARED

The Titanic had 20 lifeboats with 58 people capacity per boat and no provisions inside.

Do you think this physical world is safe, unsinkable, indestructible? (text)

Our theory may be that no one will know about my sins, that God will overlook my lack of being prepared, or a loving God will not destroy anyone.

Fact: (Proverbs 15:3, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, Romans 11:21-22)

(Amos 4:12) "Prepare to meet your God"

2. THE TRAGEDY OF UNCONCERN (IGNORE THE WARNINGS)

There were 3 warnings from the crow's nest to the officer on the bridge, not believed, and then the Titanic is ripped apart on the iceberg. Too late.

(2 Corinthians 6:2) "Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation"

3. THE TRAGEDY OF PLEASURE ABOVE THE WARNINGS

Many thinking the Titanic will stay afloat, continued with their drinking, dancing, gambling, and saying to the porters and stewards, "Don't spoil our fun."

It's typical of many today when it is time to consider God. (2 Timothy 4:3-5)

4. THE TRAGEDY OF PROCRASTINATION

Lifeboats pulled away from the Titanic with 10 or 15 people safely in them.

The danger of delay: you lose your desire or you lose your opportunity.