



"The Del-Haven Vision"

"Without vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18)

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"Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves, but He was asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' But He said to them, 'Why are you so fearful, O you of little faith?' Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. So the men marveled, saying, 'Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?'" Mt.8:23-27

In the aftermath of two horrific hurricanes, this significant text of scripture comes into mind. It's interesting that Matthew tells us that Jesus literally led His -- just recently called -- disciples into a boat. Both Mark and Luke relate to us that this little boat trip, along with its attendant adventure, was taken at His divine direction. He intentionally led His disciples right into the perils of the great tempest.

The question that they posed indicates that they were still in the early stages of becoming familiar with just exactly who Jesus truly was. They all had thus far experienced the commanding influence that He had on each of them personally, but they had no idea of the extent of His commanding power until He led them right into the middle of this physically perilous event.

Matthew, the tax collector and obviously a land-lover, perceived the tempest as something like an earthquake, only at sea. Whereas Mark and Luke relate that it was a great whirlwind that suddenly came upon them. Either way, even the more experienced fishermen in the group understood that they were all facing certain death. and, Jesus, was asleep. Because of this they questioned whether He really cared about them or not. They had yet to learn the truth that when, in the storms of life, you are in the same boat with Jesus -- the boat that you have entered by following Him -- you are safe no matter what happens.

And, isn't it so true how that the level and strength of our faith in the Savior is always tested so much when the storms of life in this world circumstantially, and suddenly, overtake us. So often when these trying times occur, we, like the disciples only seem to truly sense one fact, and one fact alone -- that we are perishing! But then, our prayerful cries seem to, as it were, awaken the Son of God and, He, with just a sovereign overruling word, stills the storm and instantly brings to pass a peaceful calm.

It is then that we simultaneously learn at least two lessons. We become more sure than ever before of the great almighty power of Christ our God to be our deliverer from every trouble, and we grow in the grace of faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, understanding that it is comfort enough to just know that He is in the same boat with us. Praise His Name!

*For Christ's glory only!
A. Carpenter*

Jehovah Jireh

God our Provider

Banquet Time

Friday evening, October 14th
6:30 PM
Pleasant Grove Bible Church
4916 Lee's Summit Rd.

Join us as we spend the evening in giving God thanks for His bountiful provision for the continuance of this ministry of the gospel of the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please plan to be there, if it is at all possible. This is an informal event that costs absolutely nothing to attend. As always, there will be great food, wonderful special music and good fellowship. Your presence will mean a guarantee of an increase in the joy that will be experienced. [Oh by the way, do any of you know of a piano player that would be available for this evening to play hymns for us during mealtime? Please give us a call at: (816) 690-3209 or 3497]

"He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." Ps.121:3-4