



Grace Bible Chapel

Lord's Day, November 1, 2020

Pastor Ken's Biblical Nuggets

“The Unsinkable Titanic”

“God Himself Could Not Sink This Ship”

The Unsinkable Titanic:

She was the largest and most luxurious ship afloat. None could match the beauty and the splendor of the **Titanic**. On her maiden voyage, she epitomized the leading edge of the technology of the time, inspiring awe and wonder. The **Titanic** was perhaps the world's best-known ship namely, because of the tragedy that befell her. The loss of this great ship was simply unthinkable. The **Titanic** was the largest movable man-made ship of its time. When a deckhand was asked at the beginning of the voyage whether he thought the **Titanic** was really unsinkable, he replied, “**God Himself could not sink this ship.**”

Science Would Solve All Problems:

It was the beginning of the 20th Century and people had absolute faith in modern-day science and the new technology. They believed that the science of the 20th Century could and would provide answers to solve all problems. (Sound familiar?)

Seven Ominous Warnings Ignored:

Titanic's tragic saga has been told and retold over the decades since her sinking; her story stirs the imagination to this day. But far less is known of the details of how the captain, engineers, ship-master, marine pilot and crew members ignored the increasing signs of danger as she sped through the night to her rendezvous with disaster. In 1911 Shipbuilder Magazine published an article describing the construction of the **Titanic** as “practically unsinkable.” The most tragic part of the saga is that it didn't have to happen. How then did this catastrophe come about? And are there vital spiritual and practical lessons for our nation today?

Warning No. 1 - Life Jackets And Life Boats:

There were enough life jackets to protect the 2,208 passengers and crew on board the **Titanic**, but not enough lifeboats to save them all. The life jackets were made of hard cork and canvas, proving dangerous and causing many to jump to their death in the 28 degree frigid waters of the North Atlantic Ocean.

Warning No. 2 – Inferior Rivets – Trying To Cut Cost:

Some rivets have been recovered from the wreck and analyzed. The findings show that they were made of sub-standard iron. When the ship hit the iceberg, the force of the impact caused the heads of the rivets to break and sections of the **Titanic** to come apart.

Warning No. 3 - Emergency Lifeboat Drills:

A lifeboat drill was never held. The lifeboats had not been tested, and the crew never had an on-board drill. It has become something of a “fact” that the crew was untrained, and a lifeboat drill set for that fateful Sunday morning, the day of accident, was canceled by the ship's captain, Edward Smith. We cannot know for sure how Captain Smith perished in the Atlantic along with 1517 others on April 15, 1912. His body was never recovered.

Warning No. 4 – The Lookouts Had Binoculars:

Second officer David Blair, who held the key to the Titanic's store of binoculars in his pocket, was transferred off the ship before it left for its maiden voyage from Southampton, and forgot to hand over the key to the officer who replaced him. At a later inquiry into the sinking, a lookout on the Titanic said binoculars might have helped them spot and dodge the iceberg in time. Blair kept the key as a memento of his error; it was auctioned off in 2007 and fetched some \$90,000.

Warning No. 5 – Traveling Too Fast For Conditions:

The simple fact is that she was going too fast – 22 knots in an ice field. Had she been going slower, she may have missed the iceberg, everything else would be academic.

Warning No. 6 – Opening The Portholes:

After the Titanic struck the iceberg, passengers – curious to review the damage – opened their porthole windows to look out. This was most certainly one of the mistakes that caused the sinking of the Titanic. As panic flared, passengers were advised to make their way to the higher decks. The portholes were left open, enabling water to enter the sinking ship at a more rapid rate, causing the ship to descend rapidly to the bottom.

Warning No. 7 – Poor Leadership:

Indeed, the collision between the Titanic and an iceberg – on April 14, 1912 at 11:40pm is what caused the tragedy. However, as seen above, this was a result of many mistakes, including poor leadership, engineering, natural factors, and being presumptuous.

Be Sure You're On The Only “Unsinkable Ship”

Before boarding a cruise ship, Dr. Tony & Lois Evans along with other passengers received from the captain a severe storm warning. Mrs. Evans sent word to the captain; “Why not rest here for another day until the storm passes?” The captain sent word back to Lois - “Mrs. Evans, I'm the captain of this ship, and I know that this ship was built with this storm in mind. We will embark on schedule.” They had a very delightful cruise. On December 30, 2019 Sister Lois Evans embarked upon the Unsinkable Old Ship of Zion. There was no question in her mind regarding any more storms, because the Chief Shepherd and Captain of her soul welcomed her aboard. Do you have the same blessed hope? “Which hope we have as an anchor to the soul, both sure and steadfast” (Heb. 6:19). Lois Irene Evans, beloved wife of Tony Evans for 49 years. She was 70 years old.