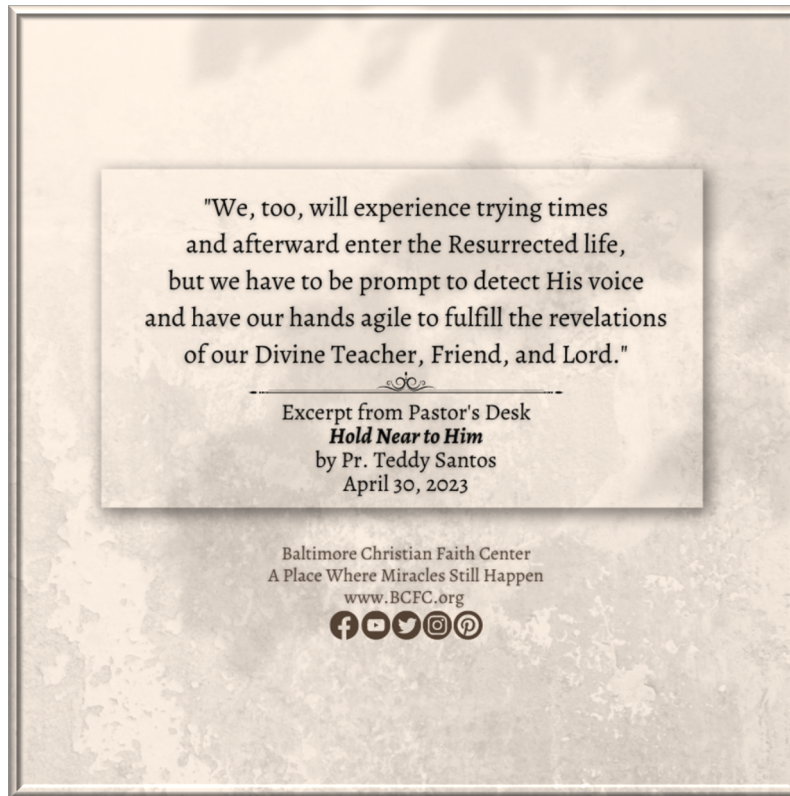


HOLD NEAR TO HIM

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Hebrews 11:7 *"By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith."*

For starters, we do well to heed the report delivered in **Matthew 24:37-39** **"37** But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. **38** For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, **39** and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."

Things that took place in those times have their replica in the times we are living in. In its wild atmosphere, sin of every type abounded, and there was no alternative to bring that wicked generation to an end. "They ate, drank; married, and were given in marriage, and knew not until the flood came and took them all away."

In all this, Noah lived a righteous and unblemished life. He conversed with The Lord on a daily basis (Gen 6:8-9). His Almighty Friend was capable of revealing to him, His purposes. "The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant." Psa 25:14.

Hold near to God, so that you may hear the articulations of His still small voice. Our most joyful experience is walking with Him in uncompromised companionship, and He brings us into covenant with Himself. We, too, will experience trying times and afterward enter the Resurrected life, but we have to be prompt to detect His voice and have our hands agile to fulfill the revelations of our Divine Teacher, Friend, and Lord. Through any individual whose heart is wholly toward Him, The Lord will use you to save others from destruction!

At His service,
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