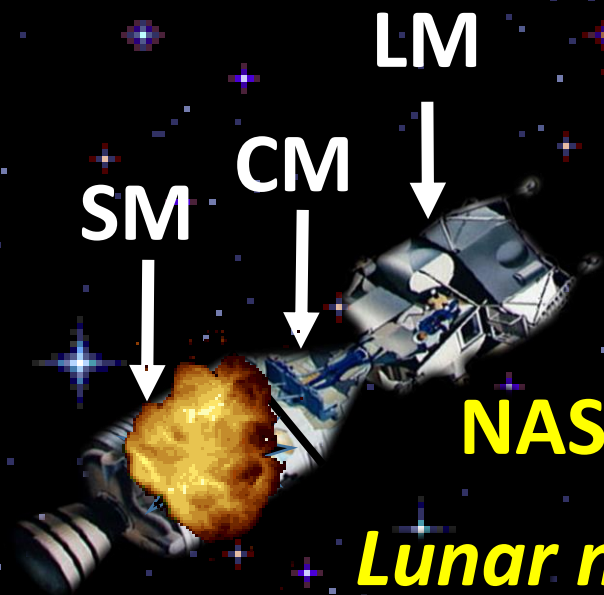


HEAVEN, WE HAVE A PROBLEM

(Sermon Title)



Apollo 13



NASA creates a 39-page rescue plan

Lunar module becomes their Life Boat

Jim Lovell: Houston, We have a problem !

Half the Service module is blown away !

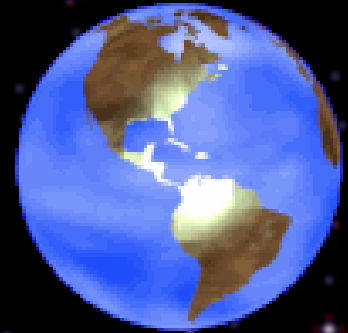
4 days, 8 hours in, Explosion, cripples craft.

Apollo 13 Lunar Mission launched April 11, 1970



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(Eccles 7:29) “*God made men upright*, but they have sought out many devices.”



(Gen 6:5) “The wickedness of man was great on the earth, & that every intent of the thoughts *of his heart was only evil continually.*”

(Rom 3:23) “*For all have sinned* and fall short of the glory of God.”

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We live on a broken World.

We come from broken families.

We come with broken lives
& broken hearts.

Our world is torn by
Terrorism, War, National
upheaval, Tsunamis, Floods,
Hurricanes, Earthquakes & sin.



(Rom 8:22) “The whole creation *groans & suffers*
the pains of childbirth until now.”

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Isa 64:6 For all of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a *filthy garment*..

And our *iniquities*, like the wind, take us away.

Heb 4:16 Let us draw near with confidence to *the throne of grace*,

that we may receive mercy and *may find grace* to help in time of need.



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Ex 25:22

“There I will
meet with you;
and *from above*
the mercy
seat..”

Ex 25:17 “And you shall make a *Mercy Seat*
of pure gold.

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1. They Needed Rescue by
Someone **Not** in their
Situation

Luke 19:10 "For the
Son of Man has come
to seek and to save
that which was lost."

Crime, dysfunction & heartache all way
back to Adam.

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2. They Needed Direction *Beyond* Themselves

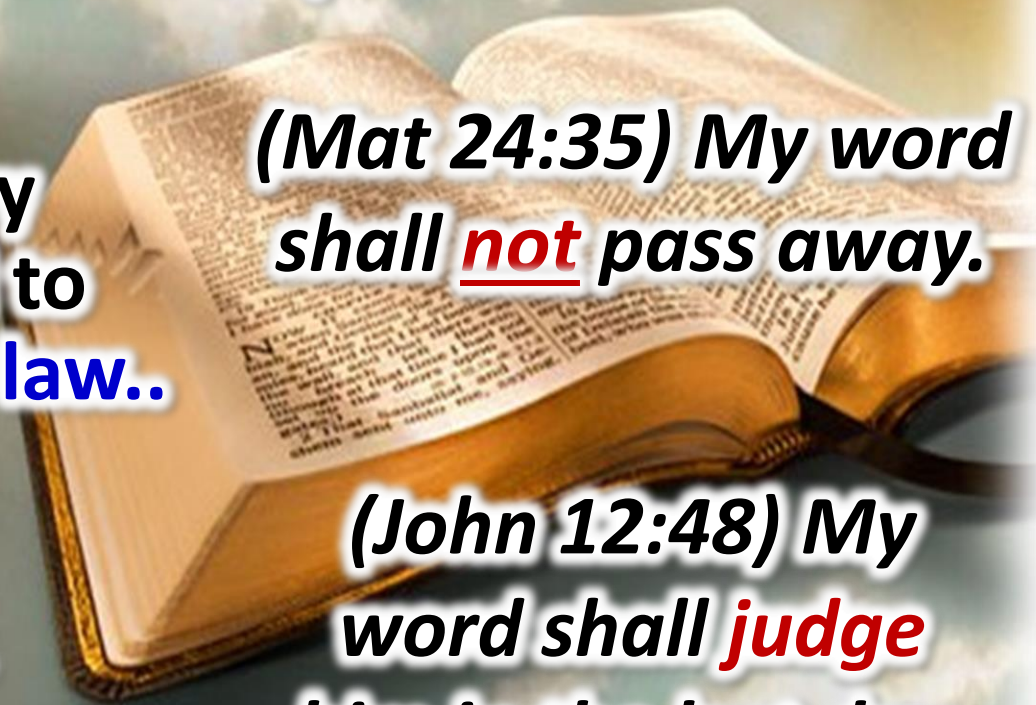
(Jer 10:23) I know, O Lord, that a man's way is not in himself; *nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps.*

(Josh 1:7)
Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to **do according to all the law..**

Do not turn from it to the *right* or to the *left*.

(Mat 24:35) My word shall *not* pass away.

(John 12:48) My word shall *judge* him in the last day.

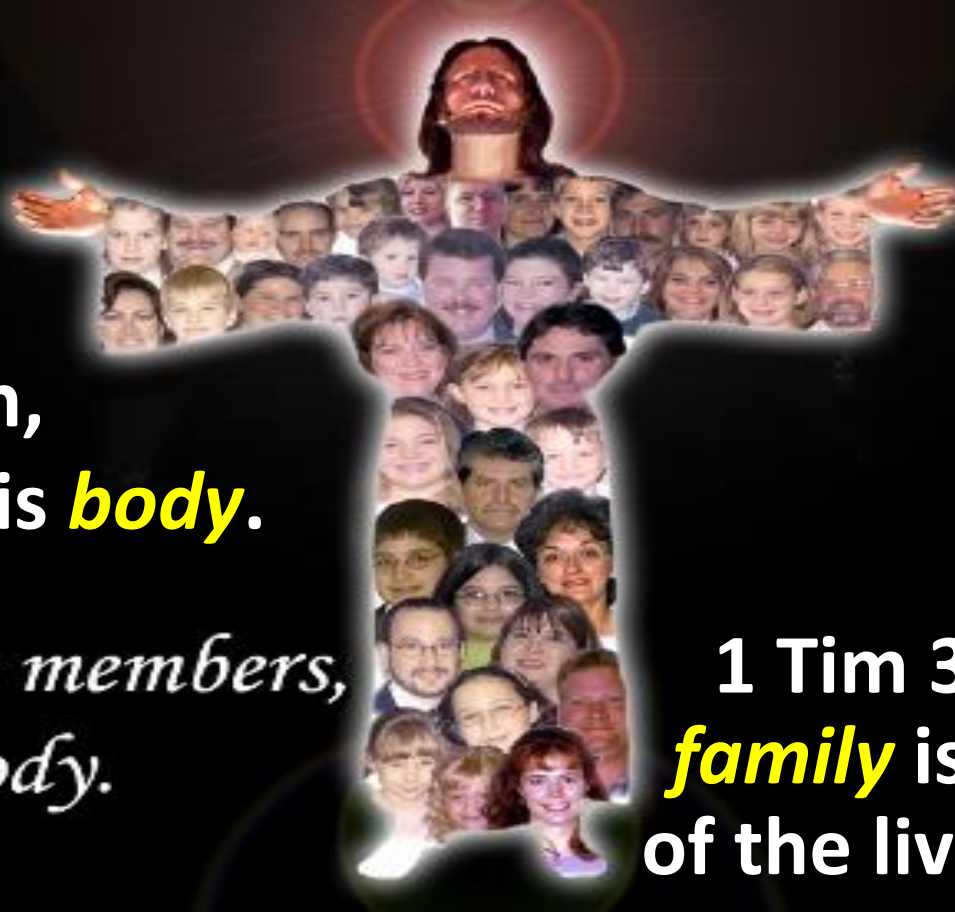


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3. They Needed a *Vehicle* to Get Home Safely

Eph 1:22f
The church,
which is His *body*.

*Many members,
one body.*



Gal 3:27
You who
were
baptized
into Christ.

1 Tim 3:15 God's
family is the church
of the living God GWT

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4. They Needed to Stay *Mission-Focused*

Heb 2:1 Must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we *drift* away from it.

Luke 14:18 Began to make *excuses*

2 Cor 5:8 Prefer .. *to be at home* with the Lord.
v9 Therefore also we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.