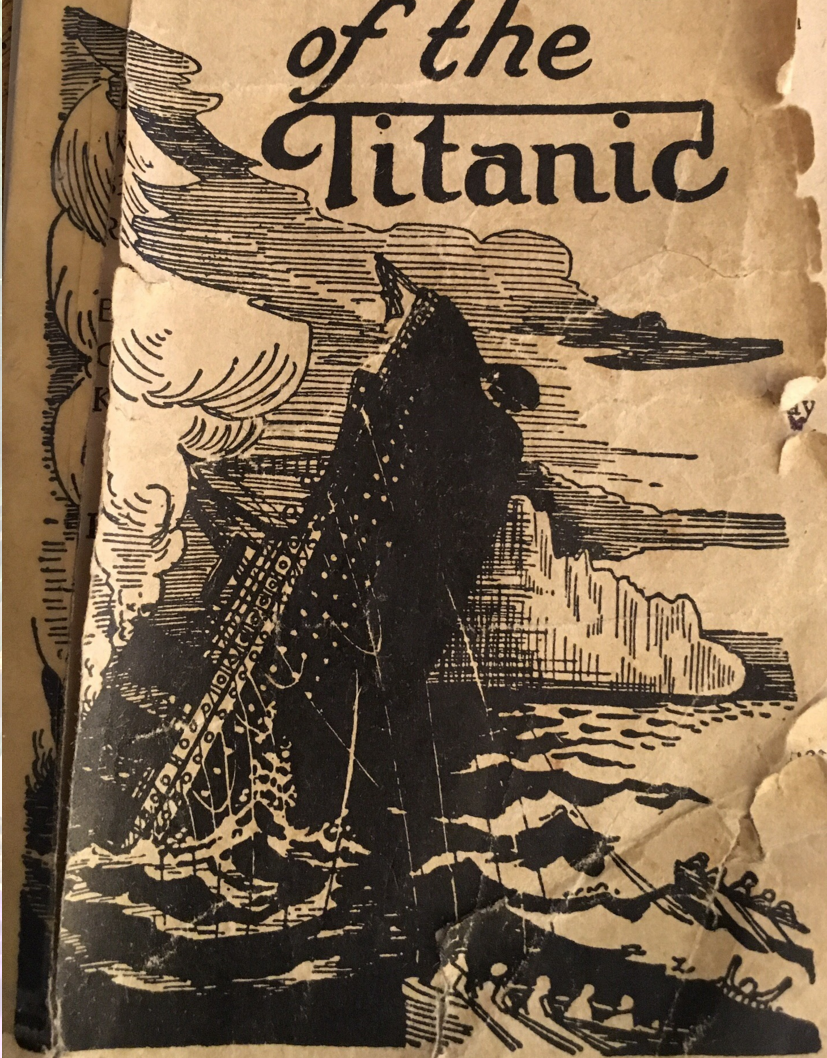


A large, vibrant green palm frond is the central focus, housed in a dark, textured vase. The frond's long, pointed leaves radiate outwards, creating a full, bushy appearance. The vase sits on a rich purple fabric that is draped over a surface. In the foreground, several pieces of bread are visible, some resting on the purple cloth and others on a wooden surface. A wooden staff or handle is also partially visible. The background consists of a wooden frame and a light-colored, textured wall.

Welcome!
Palm Sunday



The Sinking
of the
Titanic



COMMENDATIONS

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

My Dear Dr. Horton:

Thank you for your letter of the 1st, wherein you enclose the manuscript of a booklet by Mr. G. A. Griswood. It is indeed a beautiful story and brings home to us in a vivid manner the need of salvation. I return it to you herewith.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) CURTIS D. WILBUR.

Dr. T. C. Horton,
Bible Institute of Los Angeles,
536-558 S. Hope St., Los Angeles, Calif.

It is a great tract. A stronger appeal to the unconverted could hardly be penned. God can certainly use it. What a story that is of Harper. I knew him. He was on his way to this institute when he went down. Oh, to be found faithful even unto death!

The tract gives an interesting description of the steamship and the story of its first and only voyage and a brief recital of the effect of the disaster on the public mind, and then the prophet of God begins to speak. And he speaks chiefly in the very words of God Himself and you feel their power. The author asks you to write him concerning his tribulation. You had better do it.

(Signed) DR. JAMES M. GRAY,
Dean, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

I was very much interested in the first reading of "The Sinking of the Titanic," written by my friend, Rev. G. A. Griswood. Mr. Griswood has put into print a pamphlet in which every military man should be interested, and especially the men in the Navy. I most heartily endorse and commend this article and sincerely hope that it will have a large circulation.

Sincerely,

(Signed) CHAPLAIN FREDY T. BARKMAN, U.S.N.R.,
Baptist Representative Among U. S. Service Men.

The Sinking of the Titanic

DESCRIPTION

Royal Mail S. S. Titanic, White Star Line from
Southampton to New York.

2223 Passengers and Crew.

Was wrecked Sunday night, April 14, 1912.

832 passengers and 685 of the crew perished.

Remainder rescued from lifeboats by Cunard S. S.
Carpathia.

Built at Belfast, Ireland.

Cost, \$7,500,000.00.

Keel was laid March 31, 1909, was launched May
31, 1911, and on March 31, 1912 was inspected
and passed by British Board of Trade.

Length was 852.5 feet, beam 92.5 feet, depth from
top of keel to lowest point of the highest deck
extending continuously from bow to stern was 73
feet 3 inches.

Displacement at 34 feet 7 inches.

Capacity, 52,310 tons. Gross tonnage, 46,328; net
registered tons, 21,831.

3-screw vessel.

50,000 Horse Power, which would drive it at a speed
of 21 knots per hour.

29 boilers and 159 furnaces.

7 principal steel decks.

God so clothe the grass, which is to-day in the field, and to-morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will He clothe you, O ye of little faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you."—Luke 12:16-31.

✠ The Titanic carried four kinds of passengers: first class, second class, third class and steerage, each class keeping in their respective places until the night of the disaster. On that night all class distinction disappeared and all were shut up to one way of escape, the life-boat. Those who found places in the life-boat were saved. The lesson for us is that God is no respecter of persons. All are shut up to one way of escape, and that is the cross of Christ. All who flee to Him and put their trust in Him are safe. "For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward."—Deuteronomy 10:17. "For there is no respect of persons with God."—Romans 2:11. "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."—Romans 10:12, 13. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me."—John 14:6.

The Titanic had been warned of danger ahead, yet she slackened not her speed but put on extra lookout, and yet in spite of every precaution she went to her doom. The lesson for us is that we are continually warned by God of judgment to come, yet so often we keep speeding on and do not heed the call. Let us hear Him while He is still calling. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."—Isaiah 55:6-9. "Wherefore, as the Holy Ghost saith, To-day, if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts."—Hebrews 3:7. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him."—Hebrews 2:3.

The Titanic was thoroughly equipped with all life-saving apparatus, carrying 3560 life-belts, yet on that fatal night 1500 souls perished in the icy waters of the Atlantic. Those probably thinking that the ship would not sink had not availed themselves of life-belts. So many to-day are not availing themselves of the salvation so generously offered by God to them in giving His own Son for them. "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to

become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."—John 1:12. "All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out."—John 6:37. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."—Acts 4:12. "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."—Hebrews 12:2.

The Titanic was steaming along nicely Sunday night, April 14, 1912. Everyone aboard was in good spirits. Supper was over, and games, amusements, dancing and music were being enjoyed. Suddenly and without warning, the ship strikes an iceberg and begins to sink. It goes down with the band playing, "Nearer, My God, to Thee." In the midst of life we are in death. It is good to know God and be near to Him in life and not wait until death overtakes us. "Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the Lord? and there is no God else beside Me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside Me. Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by Myself, the word is gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto Me every knee shall bow, every shall swear."—Isaiah 45:21-23.

JOHN HARPER'S LAST CONVERT

Three or four years after the Titanic foundered, a young Scotsman rose in a meeting in Hamilton, Canada, and said: "I was on the Titanic when she sank. Drifting alone on a spar in the icy water on that awful night, a wave brought John Harper, of Glasgow, near to me. He, too, was holding on a piece of the wreck. 'Man, are you saved?' he shouted. 'No, I am not!' was the reply. He answered: 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.' The waves bore him away; but, strange to say, a little later he was washed back alongside of me. 'Are you saved now?' 'No,' I replied, 'I cannot honestly say that I am.' Once more he repeated the verse: 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.' Then loosing his hold he sank. And there, alone in the night, and with two miles of water under me, I believed. I am John Harper's last convert."

INVITATION

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."—Matt. 7:13, 14.

Dear Friend:—

I trust, as you have read this most interesting story that you belong to the Lord and are trusting Him in His care for you in every like disaster. To-day things

happening so rapidly we can hardly keep track of them. Are you prepared to meet God? Have you availed yourself of His salvation? In a day when our national slogan is "Safety First," why not make sure of Heaven now and not wait for death or some other calamity to overtake you? *Now is God's time. Now ought to be your time.* Will you not consider seriously and carefully these few words from one who has availed himself of God's offer of mercy?

G. A. G.

If you are interested in the distribution of this pamphlet or wish permission to print it, write,

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Dallas, Texas.

John Harper (pastor)

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John Harper (29 May 1872 – 15 April 1912) was a Scottish [Baptist pastor](#) who died in the [Titanic](#) disaster on the [North Atlantic](#). Harper was born in the village of [Houston, Renfrewshire, Scotland](#), in 1872. He personally embraced his parents' [Christian](#) faith at age 14 and began [preaching](#) at 18. He supported himself in early adulthood by doing [manual labor](#) in a [mill](#) until Baptist pastor E.A. Carter of Baptist Pioneer Mission in [London](#) heard of his preaching and placed him in [ministry](#) work in [Govan](#), Scotland.^[1] In 1897, he became the first pastor of Paisley Road Baptist Church in [Glasgow](#), Scotland. Under his care, the church quickly grew from 25 members to over 500 and soon moved to a new location on Plantation Street. In 1922, it moved into its present building on Craigiehall Street and was renamed Harper Memorial Baptist Church in his honor.^[2]



Rev. John Harper.

At the time of the Titanic disaster, Harper was 39, a widower with a six-year-old daughter, Annie Jessie (Nana), and pastor of Walworth Road Baptist Church in London. He was traveling with his daughter and sister Jessie W. Leitch to [Chicago](#) to preach for several weeks at the [Moody Church](#), where he had been guest minister the previous fall, when the ship hit an [iceberg](#) on the night of 14 April 1912, and was lost. His daughter and sister were put on a [lifeboat](#) and survived, but Harper stayed behind and jumped into the water as the ship began to sink. Some who survived told that Harper preached the [Gospel](#) to the end (especially Acts 16:31), first aboard the sinking ship and then afterward to those in the freezing water before dying in it himself.

The story of John Harper aboard the Titanic is told in the book, *The Titanic's Last Hero*, published by Moody Adams.

A children's version of John Harper's last days on board the Titanic was published by [Christian Focus Publications](#) in March 2011 titled 'Titanic- Ship of Dreams - John Harper' written by Robert Plant.

^ See also

