

SPIRITUAL SHIPS
Jas. 3:4

I. The Design Of The Ships.

- a. Designed to sail. God did not design us to lay up in dry dock.
- b. Some are designed to take longer voyages than others, carry heavier loads, encounter greater storms, etc., but all are designed to fill a definite place.
- c. Each ship is designed to do well its particular task. It will not be required to go too far, to be overloaded, to endure too fierce a storm.

II. The Driving Force Of The Ships.

- a. Driven by sails, the wind was caught in the sails and became the driving force which moved the ship on its journey.
- b. The driving force of the Spirit. Came as a rushing mighty wind on the day of Pentecost. Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Ghost;" They prayed and the place was shaken, indicating wind force. Soon the disciples were sailed out in many directions.
- c. The set of the sail had much to do with the course they took. The Holy Spirit said, "Separate some for this service."

III. The Destination Of The Ships.

Salutations of the sea:

- a. "Who is your owner?"
- b. "What is your cargo?" Sin, complaint, selfishness, courage, joy, good service.
- c. "What is your destination?" Christian perfection, complete consecration, a finished work and Heaven.