

God Saves Noah

Genesis 8:1-19

Lesson Objective: Providence: We should completely trust God and He will provide everything we need.

Introduction:

A. Overview:

1. Where we last left Noah 7:24...
 - a. In the ark with the animals
 - b. Rained 40 days/nights
 - c. Water prevailed
 1. 7:17: Lifting ark above the earth
 2. 7:18: Water prevailed and increased greatly, and ark floated, just floated without known direction. Man does not do well when he is not in charge of his direction/control (Phil. 4:6-7; Jer. 29:1)
 3. 7:19: Water prevailed more and more until mountain could not be seen any more.
 4. 7:20: Waters prevailed 15 cubits (approx. 22 feet) over the highest mountain peak.
 5. 7:21-22: Everything that breathed air through its nostrils floated lifeless on top of the water or ended buried under rock and sediment.
 6. 7:24: 150 days water stayed on earth.
2. That's where we left Noah.

B. Noah's future?

1. We know because of scripture.
 - a. Hebrews 1:1
 - b. Bits and pieces were given before.
 - c. We are given the complete revelation.
2. Noah was only revealed in part.
 - a. Hebrews 11:7.
 - b. He was warned what would happen to the world.
3. During Noah's time on the ark there is no record of God speaking to him, no record of God revealing how the future was going to pan out.
4. Noah might have had an idea that whatever his future was going to be it was going to involve his family, animals and possibly an ark.
 - a. But when, how, where?
 - b. Imagine the family discussions?
 - c. Things probably made more sense talking to the monkeys.
5. Noah's faith and trust in God had to carry him through 370 +/- days

- I. But God
 - A. What a powerful phrase! "But..." Demonstrates God's mercy.
 1. 6:18
 2. 7:1
 3. 1 Peter 3:20
 4. "But" reminds us of the covenant that God had made with Noah that He would save (deliver) Noah and everyone else on the ark. God would keep His word because God cannot lie, God cannot change. The words 'But God' are solid, true and faithful-this is where re-creation begins."
 5. "But God" reminds us that God is holy and faithful and, therefore He cannot lie:
 - a. Is. 6:3
 - b. Ps. 119:160
 - c. Heb. 6:17:18
 - d. Numbers 23:19
 - B. "But God remembered"
 1. Does not mean that God forgot about Noah-God never forgets.
 2. God remembering is in line the word "zakar", covenant which means fidelity.
 - a. God is acting in accordance with His earlier promise of 6:18; 9:14-15.
 - b. Remembered is used in reference to deliverance based on God's covenants with His children (ex. 32:13; Lev. 26:42, 45; Ps. 115:12).
 - C. Just like God demonstrated His mercy by remembering Noah and his family, God also remembered us and at the perfect time sent His Son to deliver us.
 1. Matt. 1:21-23
 2. Gal. 4:4-5
 3. 1 Cor. 15 (victory over death when He resurrected and gave us the faith and assurance that we too will resurrect)
 - D. God always remembers His covenants/promises, they are always at the forefront of His mind as He works out His purposes.
- II. Winds of rescue (Gen. 8:1b-14)

Days	Creation	De-Creation
1	1:2 "earth," "deep," "Spirit" (<i>rûah</i>), "waters"	8:1b-2a "wind" (<i>rûah</i>), "earth," "waters," "deep"
2	1:7-8 "waters," "sky"	8:2 "sky"
3	1:9 "water," "dry ground," "appear"	8:3-5 "water," "tops of the mountains," "appear"
4	No need for the re-creation of the luminaries	No need for the re-creation of the luminaries
5	1:20 "birds," "above the earth," "across (<i>al pēnē</i>) the expanse"	8:7-8 "raven," "from the earth," "from the surface [<i>al pēnē</i>] of the ground"
6	1:24 "creatures," "livestock," "creatures that move along the ground," "wild animals" 1:26 "man," "image"	8:17 "creature," "birds," "animals," "creatures that move along the ground"
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- A. God causes a wind to pass over the waters is a turning point of the reversal of the flood. This is a parallel of the creation of Genesis 1. A new creation is about to begin!
- B. Gen. 8:1-2 Wind-ruah-spirit: There is some thought that the word wind was the Spirit of God.
1. Gen. 1:2
 2. Ex. 10:13, 19 Locust were chased away
 3. Ex. 14:21; 15:10 Same mighty wind delivered Israel and destroyed the Egyptian army.
 4. Numbers 11:31 the same Ruah brought the Israelites the quail.
 5. Using the same imagery God uses the wind to reverse the flood waters of Genesis 7:11-12. Now the deep is no longer deep, the floodgates are shut, and the rains are stopped.
- C. 8:3-5: Little by little (steadily)
1. Contrast with how quickly the waters fell on the earth and quickly life was wiped out.
 2. Contrast with how quickly the waters "returned" on the Egyptian armies, they rushed upon and overcame them at once (Ex. 14:26-28).
 3. These flood waters of Genesis 8:3-5 receded little by little, yet steadily.
 4. 150 days waters receded (5 months).
 - a. Ark rested (Noah's name) on the mountain range of Ararat.
 - b. What would happen if people found the ark? Worship it?
 5. Gen. 8:5: 72-73 days after the ark rested, Noah was able to see the peaks of the Ararat mountains.
 - a. Imagine the relief it must have been to Noah and his family after a year's time of rain, flood, floating, receding and finally seeing some form of land!

3. Animals went out by their kinds (by their families and 2x2 <?>)
- V. Worship and the word of promise (8:20-22)
 - A. Noah's altar (8:20)
 1. Noah initiated the sacrifice
 2. He did it correctly, from the heart and from every clean animal, nothing was left over from the burnt offering.
 3. Noah's sacrifice reminds us that man has always needed a mediator to make his sins right (sacrifices in OT, Christ in the New Testament Col. 2:17).
 - B. 8:20 Noah's spontaneous worship was a sign of his gratitude and faith in God. Our worship should be daily.
 - C. 8:21 God accepted the sacrifice
 1. 6:5 The wickedness rose to heaven as a stench that needed to be put out, now the sacrifice has risen as a soothing and sweet-smelling aroma.
 2. God will never again destroy the earth with a flood.
 - a. Man continues to be wicked since his youth (6:5; 8:21)
 - b. Man has not changed, but God introduces a different strategy to atone for sin. Noah's sacrifice was that introduction, eventually Christ became that sacrificial Lamb (Hebrews 10:10).
 - D. No more would God allow the sins of mankind to disrupt the agriculture of the entire world, He would not destroy the world with a flood, ever again.

Conclusion:

- A. When we trust in God He indeed provides everything we need.
 1. Noah trusted in God, walked with Him and loved Him and as a result God provided Noah with a warning that would save him and his family (Hebrews 11:7)
 2. Trusting in God, God provided Noah with everything he needed to survive on the ark and start a new life after leaving it.
- B. Those who trust in God will receive rewards and blessings from Him. We could make a list of all the wonderful things God provides for us: life, sustenance, comfort, wisdom, avenue of prayer, the church, etc., But the greatest gift that God has provided for all mankind is the gift that has been spoken about since Genesis through Revelation. The Scarlet thread. All the books point to the center of the Bible, to the cross. The greatest gift God provides for all of us is His Son (John 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:18-21; Rom. 5:10; Obedience: John 14:15; 14:21; 15:10; Gospel: Acts 2:38)