

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
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. 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 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.

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 pĕnê</i>) the expanse"	8:7-8 "raven," "from the earth," "from the surface [<i>‘al pĕnê</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. 150 days waters receded (5 months).
3. Gen. 8:5: 72-73 days after the ark rested, Noah was able to see the peaks of the Ararat mountains.

D. Eventually, the earth would be dry enough to support life-recreation!

III. Genesis 8:6-14 Drying of the earth

A. 5 more months (8:5, 14) to complete God's purpose-more patience is required. This is the ultimate cabin fever!

- B. 8:6: 40 days after the mountain peaks became visible Noah sent out the raven, then the doves.
- C. Happy birthday, Noah! (8:13-14)
 - 1. 601st year
 - 2. This signals a new year for the Jews, that means the beginning of the new creation that God had accomplished through Noah's survival.
 - 3. The excitement! The earth was NOW DRY. How dry? DRY! (Genesis 8:13-14).
- IV. Time to leave the ark (8:15-19)
 - A. Finally, God speaks! 8:15
 - B. Orders given (8:17-19)
 - 1. Be fruitful and multiply
 - 2. Same as 1:22, 28; 9:1
 - 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.
 - 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)