

# Sermon Outlines

## Noah - Part 1 - The Perspectives

### Readings:

Genesis 6:5-15, 22; 7:1

### Introduction

#### **1) The two perspectives on the story of Noah, the flood and the ark**

- a) Many consider it a nice children story.
- b) Many consider it a myth.
  - i) A matter quite intriguing is that almost every civilization in the world has an account of an ancient flood. The following are a couple of examples:
    1. Cameroon:
      - (a) As a girl was grinding flour, a goat came to lick it. She first drove it away, but when it came back, she allowed it to lick as much as it could. In return for the kindness, the goat told her there will be a flood that day and advised her and her brother to run elsewhere immediately. They escaped with a few belongings and looked back to see water covering their village.
    2. Roman:
      - a) Jupiter, angered at the evil ways of humanity, resolved to destroy it. He was about to set the earth to burning, but considered that that might set heaven itself afire, so he decided to flood the earth instead. With Neptune's help, he caused storm and earthquake to flood everything but the summit of Parnassus, where Deucalion and his wife Pyrrha came by boat and found refuge. Recognizing their piety, Jupiter let them live and withdrew the flood.
- c) The evidence for the flood:
  - (i) The evidence for the flood is so overwhelming that it is only those who refuse to acknowledge the evidences reject it.
  - (ii) The fossil record, the rock strata's are alone more than sufficient to prove the fact of the flood.

#### **2) The Lord's use of it**

- a) He spoke of its times and Noah (Noe in N.T.) as real times and persons. (Matt. 24:37; Lk. 3:36; 17:26-27)
- b) The Holy Spirit uses it to teach divine truths. (Heb. 11:7; 1 Pet. 3:20; 2 Pet. 2:5)

#### **3) The decision to be faced**

- a) Who do we believe, God or man?
  - i) Do we accept the record of God that He is righteous (Ezra 9:15; Psa. 7:9); true (Jer. 10:10; Jn. 3:33; 2 Cor. 1:18); just (Isa. 45:21), who must judge and execute judgment on rebellious man (Rev. 6:1-8, 16-17); religious systems (Rev. 17:8; 14:16-17, 18:1-2; 19:2); military and political systems (Rev. 19:18-19); commercial systems (Rev. 18:2-3, 8, 17-19); Satan's head associates (Rev. 19:20-21); those who are ultimately deceived by Satan (Rev. 20:7-9); Satan himself (Rev. 20:10); and all Christ rejectors (Rev. 20:11-15).
  - ii) OR, a distorted view of His love that He will not punish rebels. If this is followed to the ultimate, then God will forgive every individual irrespective of what they have done toward their fellowman, or with what arrogance and venom they rebelled against God and His laws, or with what disdain they mocked and rejected His beloved Son. This is a distorted view of God's love for God not only loves people, but also loves righteousness (Psa. 11:7; 33:5; Heb. 1:9).

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**The Lessons It Teaches**

- 1) It is a message of impending judgment because of mans rebellion against God.
  - a) "Because there is wrath, beware lest he take thee away with his stroke: then a great ransom cannot deliver thee." (Job 36:18)
  - b) "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (Jn. 3:36)
- 2) It is the message of salvation for the whosoever will.
  - a) "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." (Jn. 3:15)
  - b) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (Jn. 3:16)
- 3) The message was preached by the actions and words of Noah for many years.
  - a) "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." (Heb. 11:7)
  - b) "And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly." (2 Pet. 2:5)
- 4) There was a warning from God about coming judgment.
  - a) A coming catastrophe of judgment had been revealed to Enoch (Jude 1:14), perhaps this was how he saw the Lord coming and not necessarily to the air (Jude 1:15). I see this as the Holy Spirit taking a truth Enoch spoke about and applying it to the coming of the Lord (Rev. 19:11).
- 5) It showed the pursuing grace of God in allowing Noah to preach so long and not closing the door of the ark for seven extra days.
  - a) "For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth." (Gen. 7:4)
  - b) "Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." (1 Pet. 3:20)
- 6) God's judgment may be delayed but it will come.
  - a) "And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights." (Gen. 7:10-12)
- 7) God says what He means and means what He says, and he said He would destroy all flesh.
  - a) "And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark." (Gen. 7:21-23)
- 8) Fools make a mock at the promises of judgment but when it begins to fall there is no laughter.
  - a) "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water." (2 Pet. 3:3-5)

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- 9) God means what He says, a righteous and Holy God must judge sin, the message became a reality.
- a) “And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.” (Gen. 6:5-7)
  - b) “And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: ” (Gen. 7:21-23)

**Our Proposals For The Next Sermon Outlines**

As we consider this man and God’s method of salvation through him, it will be viewed under three headings:

- a) The person God used
- b) The provision God provided
- c) The promptings God issued

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**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.  
John 16:13**

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