

Sermon Outlines

Noah - Part 4 - The Pleadings of God

Reading:

Genesis 7:1-12

Introduction

The longsuffering of God.

- a) We cannot appreciate the sorrow of God when people have deliberately turned their backs on Him.
 - i) David wept bitterly when his son Absalom died. (2 Sam. 18:33; 19:4)
 - ii) How deeply the Lord wept when He looked over Jerusalem knowing they had rejected Him. (Lk. 19:41)
 - iii) The flood of judgment was no mere cold act of brutality but an act of justice because of man's sin and after the offer of love in the provision of the ark had been spurned. (Gen. 6:2, 5, 11-13)
- b) God had spoken to Enoch of coming judgment (Jude 1:14) and when He would come, for Enoch was informed that when Methuselah died it would come to pass.
 - i) Methuselah means: "When he dies it will come to pass", and Methuselah lived 969 years and the flood came the year he died.
 1. For 969 years man had known of the imminent coming judgment but did not believe it.
 2. Man saw Enoch and Noah, men who walked with God (Gen. 5:22, 24; 6:9), but it meant nothing to them.
 3. Noah preached the gospel of a coming judgment and singular way of salvation for years but they did not accept the truth of the message
- c) God calls Noah and his family into the ark but God is not some tyrant just impatiently waiting to pour out judgment without further opportunity given to man.
 - i) He waits another seven days (Gen. 7:4, 10) and it was only AFTER the seven days the rains began.
- d) Tragically when man believed it was too late, the judgment had begun to fall, the door was shut, and man was now left without hope and facing not only physical death, but eternal judgment.
 - i) They were dying under the judgment of God, not just the judgment of God after death, but in how they died.

Why Did God Call Noah and His Family Into The Ark?

The scriptures give the answer: "For thee have I seen righteous". (Gen. 7:1)

- a) Not because of his preaching, for many a man has preached and never saved.
- b) Not because of his works, for many a man has worked but never saved.
- c) He was righteous before God, that is, he believed the message God had given and acted on it.
- d) To be saved from eternal judgment it is not enough to intellectually believe the message of judgment or the singular way of salvation, there must be the "verb" the acting on it and the acceptance of God's way of salvation.

The Saving Of The Family

Noah lived to see all his family delivered from the judgment of God. (Gen. 9:18)

- a) Lot never saw all his family saved. (Gen. 19:14, 26)
- b) Tragic is the fact of parents in heaven and their children and grandchildren in Hell for eternity.
- c) Noah lived and worked in the reality of the fury of God's wrath. We must question did he ever:
 - i) Have a family altar of gathering his family around him, teaching and reteaching them the danger of the coming judgment?
 - ii) Reestablish them in the singularity of the way of salvation?

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- iii) Encourage them to live loosely to the things of a world they were soon to leave?
- iv) Pray in sincerity for them that they would be saved?

While we never read of such, if he was a preacher of righteousness to the people of his generation, there can be little doubt he taught his own family the solemnity of rejecting God. (2 Pet. 2:5)

The Final Consequence

All those who accepted God's way of salvation were saved, and all those who rejected it were and are eternally lost.

- a) Those who rejected the message are today some 6000 years later still in hell, and eternity has not yet fully begun.

The Decision

There is the decision each must make now: "Now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2)

Oh come sinner come, O why do you delay,
The gospel invitation is that you should come today,
Tomorrow has no promise that it can give to you
Tomorrow is eternity, just hidden from your view.

Oh come sinner come, accept the proffered grace
For death may soon be calling you into its cold embrace,
Your summer will be ended, your harvest will be past
Your lamentation then shall be, "MY soul is lost-at last".

Then come sinner come, salvation's free for all
It may be the last time, you'll ever hear the call.

What will I then do with Jesus which is called Christ?
(Matt. 27:22)

**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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