

## Genesis: God and Man

### Genesis 7:1-16 The LORD Said to Noah, "Come into the ark..."

- Genesis 1:1, 1:2, God said...made the universe
- Genesis 2...the Lord said...YHWH made man
- Intimate connection.

God forewarned and instructed Noah and the ark building

***YHWH closely said it's time, come in***

#### **responsibility**

**What does it mean to be responsible for something?**

***the state or fact of having a duty to deal with something or of having control over someone.***

*"women bear children and take responsibility for child care"*

*synonyms: authority, control, power, leadership*

*"a job with greater responsibility"*

***the state or fact of being accountable or to blame for something.***

*"the group has claimed responsibility for a string of murders"*

*synonyms: blame, fault, guilt, culpability, liability*

*"they denied responsibility for the bomb attack"*

***the opportunity or ability to act independently and make decisions without authorization.***

*"we would expect individuals lower down the organization to take on more responsibility"*

***a thing that one is required to do as part of a job, role, or legal obligation.***

*plural noun: responsibilities*

*"he will take over the responsibilities of overseas director"*

*synonyms: duty, task, function, job, role, business*

*"it was his responsibility to find witnesses"*

***a moral obligation to behave correctly toward or in respect of.***

*"individuals have a responsibility to control personal behavior"*

*synonyms: trustworthiness, common sense, sense, maturity, reliability, dependability*

*"let's show some social responsibility"*

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**Guilt trip, confession, no longer burden**

**Convicted, repentance**

**Tend to feel responsible for things we aren't**

**And shirk responsibility for things we are**

Overreaching PC and big government

Not stepping up as fathers and parents

expecting someone else to do it. Entitled.

**We shouldn't feel burdened or responsible for things we aren't...but where are the lines drawn? Who is my neighbor? Who is my master?**

**Same time, only so many times we can take responsibility for others before it becomes irresponsible and enabling and we're really doing it for ourselves at that point.**

Covering for a coworker, family member, spouse

**Yard work Saturday. Thinking about responsibility.**

Not having certain ones as a kid

First time really blowing leaves

**Wish I had more responsibility as a kid, how much it would have taught me**

Thinking of how no one told me to cut the grass last week, no one told me to weed whack saturday and blow the leaves - directly today - but it was my responsibility. Part of my end of the deal to upkeep the house and yard. But aside from that, no one's asked since, no one's checked in on...but my responsibility is to the Lord. to be a good steward. To take care of the blessings he's given me. And take care of my witness and my landlord's possessions. But no one told me. How things have changed in the Lord.

**Being responsible is a good thing. We view it as a burden growing up maybe.**

Really struck with the thought of responsibility today. Spiritually. I'm a pastor. A husband. A father. A christian. I have a responsibility to do the right thing. To my Lord, my wife, my children and family and to the christian family - even if no one is directly telling me to do something. It is up to me to do it.

**God doesn't need me, but as his servant there are things i need to do to be responsible. When no one is looking. When no one is specifically asking. When no reward or payment may ever be handed out.**

**Am i a Christian in word or in deed?**

**Are we not in a war? What are we doing?**

***Watching 13 hours again - people being killed, have stand down orders, chomping at the bit to go, eventually go. THEY DID THE RIGHT THING BECAUSE THEY WERE ORDAINED TO DO SO. King David. Warrior. King. After God's heart because it was the only way for him.***

**[2Co 10:3-8 KJV] 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down**

of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. 7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he [is] Christ's, even so [are] we Christ's. 8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:

**Earthly authority is given to us for a purpose.** All Christians have the authority, the duty, the responsibility to do what God commands, even if we haven't received a piece of paper with marching orders. We have. The WORD of God. GO.

[Eph 6:12-18 KJV] 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places]. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

[Jos 24:15 KJV] 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that [were] on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

**Guys, we're responsible.**

Eluded to the parable of the talents. Are we truly investing our earthly and heavenly gifts in God's kingdom? Or are we burying them in the church parking lot? Between the cushions of our couch? In the drawer at work?

Is the Word of God planted in your heart?

We may be weak, but God is strong.

We may be unskilled, but God doesn't need our skill...we're to invest what he's entrusted to us, and that's not of our own strength, but his. It's not our own words, but his, not our own life, HIS

This is war time, not peace time. We are not to be cowering in the barracks. Waiting for a marching order! there are bombs exploding, people dying, bullets flying, bases overrun, borders collapsing, people defecting, get out there. Stop sitting around wondering if it's YOU who's called. Are you saved? It's you!

Noah heard the call. Noah would heed the call. **Noah knew responsibility.**

## 1-5

Then the LORD said to Noah  
COME INTO THE ARK

Enter, come in, lead, attack, go, brought in, cause to come, gather, bring to pass

Noah, it's time.

Can you hear God's voice? I think it's somber, sober, urgent.

Like being called in as a witness for a murder trial, standing outside the courtroom, the doors open, entering in to take the stand, justice will be served

- **You and ALL your household**
- **Because I have seen that you are righteous before me**
- **In this generation**

Just lawful right correct

**Noah's obedience to God, without God even asking**

**His desire to obey**

**His willingness to comply in the midst of a "crooked and perverse generation"**

**Got the attention of His Father**

**My kids want and love my attention (their mom's too) AND RIGHTFULLY SO**

When one gets my attention with something, the other will chime in and copy what they say  
Do they both get my attention? Yes. Does the genuineness of one touch me in a different way?  
Yes. But do I not meet both their needs for it? Does it not bless me that both want my  
attention, even if they both did it

*But what really gets my attention in a special way, aside from all their little gifts and talents and wondrous ways God has made them special and unique and beautiful*

**Is when they act rightly, they do accordingly, even obey immediately, without my asking, my presence, or expecting my attention.**

*When they “naturally” do it because it’s right, it’s expedient, and it’s good, and maybe perhaps because they love me (or their mom)*

**This was Noah in the sight of God.  
AND IT SAVED HIS FAMILY TOO**

*Do you know your family depends on you and mine me to be a right example?  
Whether they believe it or not.  
Whether they say it or not.  
God is using you.*

**[Act 16:26-34 KJV] 26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one’s bands were loosed. 27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. 29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. 32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed [their] stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. 34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.**

And all of creation  
And he’d be a part of God’s salvation plan.

**Noah heard the call because he was answering it before it was given**

David in the field with the sheep when Samuel comes to anoint a new king to replace the wayward Saul.

One who would be called the Son of David would come from his line. And find it a blessing to bless his servant David with being the bloodline of an eternal king

**Seven of every clean, male and his female  
Two of every unclean, male and his female**

Last chapter God says he’s bringing two of every animal to the ark. I think like we picture it. A highway of animals, two by two.

**But here, the LORD commands Noah**

I think he's got a part in it, to make sure two of each get on board

**But I think beyond that, to be the priest. Making sure there are the clean animals for sacrifice on board.**

**Wait, the law wasn't given yet?! We're hundreds and thousands of years away from all of that being set up and ordained and written down and put into practice.**

**Where did this sacrificial law of clean and unclean come from?**

I think right in genesis 3...when God makes the sacrifice for Adam and Eve and makes their covering. I believe he may have outlined some things for them from then on. Cain and Able knew about sacrifice. I believe Noah did, too. Maybe Enoch or Methuselah taught him.

Like Job making sacrifices for his children. They knew what to sacrifice.

**And they did it without expecting God to tell them to do it because it was the right thing to do. The right way to honor God. The right way to worship him.**

**[Rom 7:14 KJV] 14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.**

**Why 7?**

Number of completeness, sure

But how many couples is in seven? **Only 3. One remainder.**

**God was setting up one to sacrifice after. Something to help Noah's faith in this.**

**Don't worry Noah, I know you sacrifice to me, know what that's all about, and it's clear you'll have something to celebrate, some way to light a fire after all of this water.**

**Elijah and Baal**

**Again, Noah was only doing what he was already doing.**

**[2Co 2:15-16 KJV] 15 For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: 16 To the one [we are] the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who [is] sufficient for these things?**

Two by two to make sure species continue on.

**Three times two by two (plus one) to overly ensure and show that despite all of this horrific judgment to come. All of the death, drowning, disaster, that God's hand of fellowship and forgiveness was NOT OVER.**

V5 Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him

Be sure to thank Noah (in the Lord) in heaven when we get there.

**[Heb 12:1-4 KJV] 1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [our] faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.**

**Keep pushing on guys, we're not dead yet. We've got more to give. More time to utilize. More life left in us yet.**

**Noah did it. Noah kept going.**

**The flood is drastic. But imagine the thought of being the ONLY people left on the other side of this torrent of water? The other side of this red sea...this jordan river...**

No one to call

No one making fast food for you.

Your on your own, literally.

*Being out west, im trying to imagine the great plains, haven't been there yet, but imagine stepping off the boat and there's nothing as far as the eye can see, besides the fresh green sprouting to life*

**But, we're not there yet. That will seem more like heaven on earth after we see the depths overtake it all**

## **6-10**

A change of pace here, reminds me of the perspective changes, camera angles, wide, close, zoom, back out to wide again like in earlier chapters

*Max 10 seconds between cuts, people get bored*

I think God, through the writer, gets that here in a way ;-)

**It's heavy. We need to switch gears now and then**

*Switching arms on the weed whacker now and again*

*The joys of a backpack blower!*

**600** - noah still had time left in him, but he was no spring chicken

God's not done with you.  
Oh you're 80? Big deal! Keep going! ;-)

**When the floodwaters were on the earth** you can almost hear the writer there saying it, writing it somberly to his peers

*Like sharing with my kids 9/11...when the towers had fallen on the earth...*

**They went in because of the flood waters.**

They weren't in a rush to get out.

They weren't already on the boat having a party not caring about the world about to perish  
They basically got on when the storm hit.

**I know Enoch is a better picture of the church**

**But i think we can still glean this here as a picture of the rapture, at least in our witness right up until the tribulation, our responsibility**

V8 - seriously, bugs. No thanks. Can you sleep knowing there's a bug in the house?  
GET THEM OFF. HAM, DID YOU LOCK THE SPIDER CAGES TWICE?  
SHEM, ARE YOU SURE THE SNAKES ARE IN THEIR PEN?  
JAPHETH! Why are you petting that?!?! Get it away from me.

It took a week to load up. A week from Noah, get on the boat til the door would be closed.  
Sounds like the tribulation to me. A week of years like prophecy talks of.

**God is gracious, even down to the last week.**

Packing for Montana trip, started in advance, the most stress-free packing experience ive had in a while. I didn't wait to the last minute

*Home alone*

**People watching. See the boat finally built. See Noah actually get on the boat.** Was he done right at the last minute?

**I'd think even if he was done 20 years earlier, he spent that last 20 years going over it, double-checking, reinforcing, making sure they had everything taken care of. Responsibility.**

**Work.** homework, double-checking, making sure.

**A week of creation**

**The last week before the flood**

**It came to pass.**

It was going to happen. It did happen. The flood waters would come. This was it.



Leaving for vacation, taking it seriously.  
 Finally being in Montana, not believing it, the day waiting for  
 Getting married, all the preparation, then all of a sudden it was the morning  
 Having kids, 9 months, then they're there...

**Our responsibility is believing what God says will happen, that hasn't happened yet, will happen**

**The day will come that we'll hear the trumpet sound  
 Or that we die on earth and awake before God**

**That day will come when my kids grow up, move out, move "on" in some way  
 That day may come that my wife passes and I'm left old and toothless to binge watch  
 Netflix alone - but I hope and pray the rapture comes first**

**But what am I doing with today?**

**[Eph 5:14-21 KJV] 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord [is]. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.**

[Pro 6:9-11 KJV] 9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?  
 10 [Yet] a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: 11 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

God doesn't want you in poverty in heaven, or to miss out on all that he has for you spiritually in this life (heaven on earth)

But we must be responsible. Being responsible every day begins with at least waking up. That's really the first choice. I confess, I haven't woken up earlier than necessarily the time it takes to get to work, and getting to work is not my first responsibility in life.

Will you wake up with me, spiritually? The alarm is going off. It has been. We can't snooze it, only our consciousness (conscience) of it

**Leeland - "The Great Awakening"**

*One man wakes, awakens another  
Second one wakes his next door brother  
Three awake can rouse a town  
And turn the whole place upside down  
Many awake will cause such a fuss  
It finally awakes all of us  
One man wakes with dawn in his eyes  
Surely then it multiplies  
Surely then it multiplies*