

Genesis: God and Man

Genesis 8: God Remembered Noah

- Noah, his family, all the animals that didn't live in the water were taken on board
- The flood waters prevailed 150 days
- Not sure of surface features of earth beforehand (in the days of peleg...)
- Water covered everything and more by many feet

There was no way any body could have run and found a high piece of ground and even one person be saved. Everything was under the water.

Noah and his family, in that boat, on those probably rough seas, probably working hard to keep the animals and boat in check.

Do you think they felt like God had forgotten about them?

Maybe once? Maybe 2am one night, on a day that felt like it blended with every other day of tossing and turning, pitching and rolling, rain and wind beating down, animal smell, and so on...

Did God forget us? There's nothing left, we're all alone.

Do you ever feel like God has forgotten you?

Circumstances, relationships, needs, prayer requests

Feel all alone

He hasn't. He won't. Ever.

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He [is] the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.

Deut 31:6

(quoted in heb 13:5)

Abraham & Sarah...waiting

Moses...wilderness

Israelites...wilderness wandering

Joseph...in prison after interpreting

Peter...went back fishing

There's been times I've felt forgotten. Alone. Helpless or hopeless. But he never left.

Cheesy footprints in sand

Genesis 8:1-5

Then God remembered Noah...

150 days of the worst storm imaginable. Maybe not hurricane winds, but more water, clouds, darkness and destruction we can imagine.

Puerto Rico could be without power for A YEAR. A YEAR.

No lights, no refrigerators, no air conditioning, no television, no charging your phone, no cell service perhaps, long lines for gas, limited food and supplies...everything damaged.

Remembered...recall, brought to mind, mention, record

Num 23:19 NKJV - "God [is] not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

Psa 121:3-4 NKJV - He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

IDF patch

God didn't forget...he didn't leave the stove on...this isn't Kevin's parents remembering they left him home alone while on the plane.

But through the tragedy, the judgment, the wiping out of everything, it seemed as if God's focus was somewhere else. On the flood...

But was it? Zoom out. What was sitting on top of all of the water? A beautiful boat full of life.

From their perspective I believe they might have felt forgotten, although I'm sure Noah's faith remained. I mean, they did have a boat. God did tell them and it did happen and they were safe.

But now it was time for God's focus, in a sense, to be about restoring the Earth...and it began with remembering No-AHHHH.

God made a wind...

Ice caps, rotation, heating of atmosphere by the sun all work in wind creation.

These forces began to build and work in unison after a global event.

Springtime winds or early Winter winds...feeling the shift of the seasons. That first chilly day as Fall begins to overtake Summer...

**Fountains of the deep stopped
Windows of heaven stopped
Rain from heaven restrained**

I get the impression that there was plenty more rain, plenty more judgment able to be dispensed, but God said it was enough and put it to a stop.

Jhn 19:30 NKJV - So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

In Christ Alone...on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied

God's wrath was satisfied and it was time for his mercy and faithfulness to be shown even more to Noah and his family and creation

At the end of 150 days, the water level started to go down.

What were you doing May 18, 2017? (150 days before 10/15/17)

Apparently i was getting a haircut, running errands, mia would go to the dentist the next day. I had gotten the Civic inspected, the pastor's conference was in a few days.

Imagine it raining and being stuck in the boat since then.

600th year, second month, 17th day (around May for us)

Now seventh month, 17th day of the month

Tishri (Civil New Year)

Sept/October

Plowing, Olive Harvest

1- New Year

10- Atonement

15-21 Tabernacles

That's not by accident.

The ark rested on top of Mount Ararat, possibly modern-day Turkey

Been some interesting things discovered there but not allowed to visit

Again, not important if it was or not, cool though.

The ark rested. I'll bet it felt like a huge relief to not be on a moving boat anymore. A stationary place, even if it was on a rock sticking out of the water. It was something!

2 ½ more months...Christmas for us now

More tops of the mountains seen

More of the future is coming into view.

Sometimes it takes a long time to find rest, for the storm to end, for it to feel like God remembers us. But know he always will. And as he does, you'll begin to get glimpses of what is next, of what life will be like soon. What his promises look like. Keep faith that God will remember you until then, through then.

Heb 11:1 NKJV - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

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Time to let some fresh air in. God didn't tell Noah to do any of this, but it was time to.

It's our responsibility to seek God for the answers to his promises
To keep asking, seeking, knocking

To do the practical work, waiting, looking at times. Sometimes that just means getting some fresh air, spiritually

Visiting a church, going to a conference, getting some alone time away with God to just seek him, get some fresh air from the Holy Spirit

There's a lot we can look at when considering ravens and doves. Their behavior, their significance (birds as sin vs. the holy spirit)

1 Kings 17, Elijah fed by ravens by the brook

The raven was ready to go, kept flying around from mountain top to mountain top, back and forth.

From himself a dove... maybe his pet, maybe the raven was everyone's idea, but the dove was his idea, **his own personal seeking of God for even just himself.**

It's important we have that dove in our own lives. A personal relationship with the Lord, where we're seeking him just for our own personal relationship with him.

We'll see this is the more important bird.

The crow might have liked a top of the mountain, but the dove was more sensible, and couldn't find a place suitable for life

Carrier pigeons, people in the city train birds

Again, drew her in to himself. Maybe he was playing this one close to the chest, I don't know.

The difference between the masses and the closest disciples were that the masses were satisfied with things from a distance, signs, wonders, bread, but the closest disciples were satisfied with nothing less than being close to Jesus, hearing his heart beat, getting the insights on what he was teaching...seeing him daily.

Maybe his family was satisfied with the raven flying about. But Noah wasn't.

This wasn't a fleece, I believe it was like a daily prayer almost, seeking God for direction, for the fulfillment of His promise.

This needs to be us. Seeking God for God, not his wonders and gifts, and when he does give us word, promise, to keep seeking, keep knocking, keep asking, until his promise is fulfilled and our faith is answered.

The waters were on the face of the whole earth.

The surface

Looking to mow last week, it had been raining, kept checking to see how dry it was, making sure no puddles, etc.

Another week...sends dove again

Patience and persistence

A clogged sink takes a while to drain, imagine the whole earth

The dove came back in the evening with an olive leaf

Sign of peace, dove with olive leaf

Things were starting to bud and grow

Noah could probably see the mountains, but didn't know what was beyond them. Was the flood still there?

I'd be pretty scared, I wouldn't want to get out of the boat until I knew it was safe.

Noah knew it would flood, but he didn't know what the end would look like.

God promises us things, but we don't always know how it will play out, what it will exactly look like.

Revelation, the end, even heaven, we get a picture, but we haven't yet seen it

Brother's apartment when I was little

Noah waits another week (sabbath to sabbath?) sends out dove again

Dove doesn't return, he knows it's over

601st year, Nissan, 1st day...Mid-march for us

The first new day of spring so-to-speak

Noah removed teh covering - top of ark, skins of tabernacle

Noah previously only had a limited view from a window, I'm thinking port hole somewhere.

Now he puts the top down, takes the storm windows off, opens the screen door, goes outside on the deck, so to speak

Noah saw it was dry, but didn't go yet.

Even when things look like it's time, they're ready, we must wait for God to speak before getting out

Almost two whole months later...2nd month, 27th day

It will look like it's time sometimes, but wait, it might be just a little bit longer for things to be perfect, set in place, in order

Returning to NY...maybe 2 more months

The earth was now dried. Water was where it was supposed to be. The ground was ready to be traversed again.

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THEN God spoke to Noah...

Now and only now was it time to get out of the ark

God told Noah to build the ark 121 years earlier

Told him when the flood would begin

God told them when to get on and shut the door

Now God tells them when it's time to get out

Are we there yet?

**Family first
Bring the animals next**

Exploratory trips when moving

**So that they may abound...time to repopulate
Be fruitful and multiply...a reiteration of creation's commands**

Judgment was over, it was time to be fruitful

Wilderness seasons will end in time and when they do, it's time to be fruitful and multiply
Winter to spring

Noah again obeys. Maybe a little more eager to get out of the boat than to build the boat? Different emotions? Different pressures?

According to their families...it seems again a reminder of both animals creating after their kind only, but more than that, that even on the ark there were babies born. Male and female now they go out by families.

The wilderness is time for personal growth, family growth, that we may go out into the new world on the other side, ready to healthily multiply and abound.
Job.

**The ark's purpose had been fulfilled. It's shelter and protection was no longer needed.
It was time to go out.**

We need to be careful about not staying in when we should go out.

Not staying depending on people, places, things, provisions when their time is up.

When their season is over for us God will direct us to go out. If we stay back, we'll not only miss out, but those things will only begin to deteriorate and fail us over time.

(glory daze movie)

20-22

**Then Noah built an altar...his first act is an act of worship of the Lord.
He didn't build a house. He didn't load up the camels.**

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Noah remembered God.

God told Noah to take 7 of every clean animal

Noah now sacrifices one of each.

The Lord smelling a soothing aroma.

God comforted Noah and Noah comforted the Lord (if that were possible)

God had brought judgment because man had wilfully turned from him to evil.

God with a heavy heart had to destroy the world and man.

This was not a pleasurable thing for the Lord.

There was no joy in it for him.

Now there was joy for the Lord, Noah worshipping him. Out of love. Out of gratitude. Not out of compulsion.

Noah could have done anything but he chose to worship. He knew the important thing.

When we go out, we must worship first.

Baptism.

Wandering in the wilderness is one thing, but if we don't worship at the doorstep to the promised land, we'll end up wandering there as well.

God talks with God...says he'll never do this again.

We'll see the promise to Noah next time, but now God is announcing his intentions

**EVEN THOUGH MAN'S IMAGINATION OF HIS HEART IS EVIL FROM CHILDHOOD
HE WILL NEVER DO THIS, LIKE THIS, AGAIN**

I'm not afraid of nuclear winter, of yellowstone exploding and putting the world into an ice age, because God said it won't happen. I'm not afraid of global warming, of floods, of lack of seasons, because God said it won't happen.

I'm not afraid of the judgments of revelation, because God said I won't be here.

These promises are the ones we need to worship in. Don't get caught outside the promise of God.