

The Cleansing Flood

Introduction & Review

- Humanity ruined or destroyed God's design for creation – corrupted & violence (Gen. 6:11-12).
- God planned to destroy humanity who had destroyed His creation (Gen. 6:13).
- God made provisions for a righteous remnant to be preserved in the destruction – the ark (6:14-17).
- God established a covenant of grace with Noah such that his family & animal life would be delivered (6:18-22).

I. Entry to the Ark (Gen. 7:1-16)

A. God's Sovereignty

God is ALWAYS in control of everything & He ALWAYS has a plan. God determined when the ark was finished. God determined the time to enter the ark – “Then the Lord said to Noah, Go...” (7:1a). God determined who & what would enter the ark – select people & animals (7:16a).

B. God's Grace

By grace, Noah had lived a holy life in a wicked & corrupt world (v. 1c). By grace, God allowed Noah & his family to enter the ark (v. 1, 6-7, 13). Three times we are told that Noah & his family entered the ark & reminded that is was all of grace. Even in grace there is urgency to obey God – “For in seven days...” (v. 4a). By grace, God allowed select animal life to enter the ark (v. 2-3, 8-9, 14-16). Again, three times... Neither Noah, his family nor the animal life had done anything special to merit God's deliverance & preservation. There is an end to the period or time of grace (Gen. 6:3; 7:16b) – symbolism of seven days = complete. The door is the only entrance to the ark & when it is closed nothing gets in, not even water – Jesus is the door of the sheep (Jn. 10:7).

APPL: We too live in a time & culture where people corrupt & violent. There is no regard for the will, way or word of God. There is no love for God – but people are lovers of self, money, pleasure, proud, arrogant, abusive... (1Tim. 3:1-4). They are attempting to

redefine marriage, life in pregnancy; no concern for the poor, elderly, widows, orphans, etc. But God is still in control & He has a great plan of deliverance just as He did in Noah's day... Jesus is still our true Ark & place of safety! We live by grace & will be delivered by grace, but there is urgency to be faithful today.

II. Entry of the Flood (Gen. 7:17-24)

A. God's Sovereignty

God determined the start time of the rain – “For in seven days I will send rain” (v. 4a). God determined the duration of the rain – “forty day” (v. 4a, 17a). God determined the extent of the flood (v. 18-19).

B. God's Judgment

God's judgment on the wicked is sudden & inescapable (v. 11, 20; Lk. 17:26-27). God's judgment on the wicked is without mercy & ends in death (v. 21-22). Death is always the consequence & wages of sin. God's judgment is thorough with a holy or cleansing outcome (v. 23a-b). Men, women, children, singles, wealthy, poor, etc. all died. Also everything that was a servant of wicked mankind & created for mankind was destroyed with mankind – all animal life. Even in judgment, the righteous will be delivered (v. 23c).

APPL: God is the same today as He was in the days of Noah. He is just & faithful to bring justice again. But just as judgment is certain for the wicked, deliverance is certain for the righteous that are safe in Christ!

CONCLUSION

Therefore my beloved brothers & sisters since we know that the times in which we live are similar to Noah's day, are you living a righteous life before God & people?. Are you obeying the will, way & word of God? Even though we are saved by grace, live by grace & will be delivered by grace, do you see the urgency to be faithful today? Jesus says that we are light & He needs us to shine the light of the gospel in this dark world that cannot & will not see the truth. We must continue to live & be Ambassadors for Christ because we know that the final storm of destruction is coming. Do not grow weary in your teaching, counseling, exhortation, invitations, explanation... for Christ. You know that you will survive the coming storm of judgment. But you also know that you want as many people safe in the ark of Jesus as possible. Stay faithful & you will save your own soul & many with you just like Noah!

And if you are not a Christian, you can be sure that you will survive that great day of judgment & destruction that is coming. But you must believe in Jesus with all your heart. Will you trust Him & believe today...?

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