

Life After the Cleansing Flood

Introduction & Review

- ❑ Humanity ruined God's design for creation (Gen. 6:11-12) – corruption & violence.
- ❑ God planned to destroy humanity (Gen. 6:13).
- ❑ God made provisions for a righteous remnant to be preserved in the destruction – the ark (Gen. 6:14-17).
- ❑ God established a covenant of grace with Noah such that his family & animal life would be delivered (Gen. 6:18-22).
- ❑ By His sovereignty & grace God determined who would enter the ark & when to enter the ark (Gen. 7:1-16).
- ❑ By His sovereignty God determined when the flood would begin & who would be destroyed in it (Gen. 7:17-24).

I. God Ends the Judgment (Gen. 8:1-14)

A. God remembered (Gen. 8:1-5)

“God remembered” simply means that He has made a covenant (promise) & now it was time to follow through. God had promised to deliver Noah, his family & the animal life out of the judgment – keeps His promise (v. 1a). He brought the ark to “rest” from the judgment (v. 4). “God made...” means that He is in control of all nature (v. 1b-5; Lk. 8:22-24). God controlled the beginning & end of the flood (judgment) when His purposes had been accomplished.

B. Noah responded in faith (Gen. 8:6-14)

Noah responded to God's faithfulness in wisdom (v. 6). God did not tell Noah what to do, so he had to proceed in faith without presumption. God revealed His will through normal & natural circumstances in Noah's life – raven, dove & olive leaf (v. 7-12). Noah had to discern the meaning of events – raven was a scavenger, unreliable & indiscriminating; dove was reliable & discriminating in its food source. Noah demonstrated great patience with his faith – “forty day”, “he waited” (v. 6, 10, 12).

APPL: Sometimes God's deliverance takes much longer than we expect & it appears that He has forgotten us. But God never forgets His children & our circumstances, He remembers His promises...

Many times in life's situations God does not give specific details on how to proceed, but we must discern His will from circumstances in daily life – lack of money, rejection, opposition, invitation, unexpected opportunity, etc.

II. God Begins the Restoration (Gen. 8:15-22)

A. God commanded (Gen. 8:15-17)

God commands when to enter & exit the ark (7:1; 8:15-17). God clearly determines who & what will enjoy this new life after the judgment. Waiting to hear from God & knowing that you have heard from Him is essential in the fundamental decisions of life – changes that affect your current status.

B. Noah responded in faith (Gen. 8:18-22)

Noah graciously obeyed God along with his family (v. 18). Noah also ensured an orderly exit of the animals (v. 19). He was a faithful steward over everything entrusted to him & now starting a new life. Noah responds to God's faithfulness with thanksgiving and worship (v. 20). His first thoughts & actions were not about himself – what he would eat, drink, clothing, housing, etc. – but about God (Mt. 6:33; Heb. 13:15-16). He begins his new life with worship! The Lord accepts biblical worship & makes promises to the worshipers (v. 21-22). God promises a future to Noah & all of humanity – HOPE! Believers give God worship & God gives believers hope.

APPL: God is the same today as He was in the days of Noah. He controls our entrance & exit in times of trouble; He determines when, where & how long we experience trouble; he determines our deliverance; He's working all things together for our good. Jesus Christ has already made the sacrifice & He is our fragrant offering to God (Eph. 5:2). Therefore the only right response from us today is biblical worship in spirit & truth.