

BEGINNINGS

A STUDY OF GENESIS 1-11

WEEKLY WORSHIP TOOLS

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PURPOSE AND SUGGESTED USE

Crosspoint Church has set out to produce an issue of *Weekly Worship Tools* for the encouragement and resourcing of our church body each week. Each Saturday, this guide is published with the hope that it will aid you in being transformed by the gospel and living daily on mission.

This document is structured in two categories: weekend resources and weekday resources. Sundays we gather for Corporate Worship and sit under the teaching of the Word of God as we fellowship together. The first guide listed in the Table of Contents below, "Prepare for Worship," is produced to stir our meditation on the passage to be preached, causing us to prepare our hearts for the message on Sunday. Additionally, we have provided you with a basic outline of the "Sermon Notes" to guide your attention and participation with the Pastor as he works through the message. Furthermore, a set of lyric sheets have been added following the "Prepare for Worship" for your convenience as you join in worship through song on Sunday morning.

A Sermon Discussion Guide and a Daily Worship Guide are provided for individual or household worship through the week. The focus of Monday is an opportunity to look back at the Scripture preached on Sunday. Tuesday brings in a related New Testament scriptural focus. Each Wednesday we will read an Old Testament passage that connects to what is being communicated through our sermon Scripture. Thursday's focus is observing a Psalm that relates to this passage and our immediate context. Fridays begin looking forward to the coming Sunday as we observe the Scripture passage for the coming Corporate Worship gathering.

It is recommended that you use this set of tools alongside your Bible with a way to record any notes, insights, or questions (i.e. in a journal, word doc, etc.) you may have while you study.

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PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Last Sunday, Pastor Josh Jones preached the sermon: “A World of Evil,” from Genesis 5-6:8. We considered the truth that we hope in the promised Seed of our faithful God even while the curse of sin pervades the whole world.

Read: Genesis 6:9-8:12

This Sunday, Pastor Ken Lewis will preach from Genesis 6:9-8:12 and will encourage us with the truth that while we all stand condemned before a holy God, God provides rescue from his wrath. As you prepare your heart for our corporate gathering, let this devotional from Milton Vincent increase your gratefulness to God for his undeserved mercy and grace to you through Jesus Christ.

Reflect: Thankfulness Enriched by Relief

The more absorbed I am in the gospel, the more grateful I become in the midst of my circumstances, whatever they may be.

Viewing life's blessings as water in a drinking cup, I know that I could discontentedly focus on the half of the cup that seems empty, or I could gratefully focus on the half that is full. Certainly, the latter approach is the better of the two, yet the gospel cultivates within me a richer gratitude than this.

The gospel reminds me first that what I actually deserve from God is a full cup churning with the torments of His wrath (Revelation 14:10; Psalm 75:8). This is the cup that would be mine to drink if I were given what I deserve each day. With this understanding in mind, I see that to be handed a completely empty cup from God would be cause enough for infinite gratitude. If there were merely the tiniest drop of blessing contained in that otherwise empty cup, I should be blown away by the unbelievable kindness of God toward me. That God, in fact, has given me a cup (Psalm 116:12-13; Psalm 23:5) that is full of “every spiritual blessing in Christ (Ephesians 1:3),” and this without the slightest admixture of wrath, leaves me truly dumbfounded with inexpressible joy. As for my specific earthly circumstances of plenty or want, I can see them always as infinite improvements on the hell I deserve.

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

When I look at any circumstance that God apportions me, I am first grateful for the wrath I am not receiving in that moment (The empty part of the cup never looked so good!). Second, I am grateful for the blessings that are given to me instead of His wrath. (Life's blessings, however small, always appear exceedingly precious when viewed against the backdrop of the wrath I deserve.) This two-layered gratitude disposes my heart to give thanks in all things (1 Thessalonians 5:18) and it also lends a certain intensity to my giving of thanks. Such a gospel-generated gratitude glorifies God, contributes to peace of mind (Philippians 4:6-7), and keeps my foot from the path of foolishness and ruin (Romans 1:21-29).

"Thankfulness Enriched by Relief," in A Gospel Primer for Christians, by Milton Vincent

Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. "How Great Thou Art," Arr. Paul Baloche
2. "Jesus Paid It All," Arr. Passion
3. "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me," by CityAlight

SONG LYRICS

"HOW GREAT THOU ART"

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

Verse 1

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power thru out
The universe displayed

Verse 3

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Verse 2

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

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SONG LYRICS

"JESUS PAID IT ALL"

Alex Nifong | Elvina M. Hall | John Thomas Grape

Verse 1

And I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

Chorus 2

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
Jesus

Chorus 1

'Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Verse 2

Lord now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

Verse 3

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Interlude

Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow

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SONG LYRICS

"YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME"

Jonny Robinson | Michael Farren | Rich Thompson

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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SERMON NOTES

WRATH AND RESCUE

Genesis 6:9-8:12

Big Idea: While we all stand condemned before a holy God, God provide rescue from his wrath.

There is a pattern of sin, consequences of sin, and God's grace in in the first 11 chapters.

<u>Human Sin</u>	<u>Consequences</u>	<u>Grace</u>
1-3 Rebellion	Land Cursed	Promise of a Redeemer (3:15)
4-5 Murder	Societal Breakdown, Death	Seth, Enoch, and Noah
6-8 World is Corrupt	Flood	Covenant with Noah & Creation

I. God raised up Noah to be a witness to the wicked world around him (6:8-9).

A. Noah

1. His lineage (6:9a; Ch. 5)
2. His name (5:28-29)

Genesis 5:28–29 28

When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son 29 and called his name Noah, saying, “Out of the ground that the LORD has cursed, this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands.”

Genesis 3:17

- Cursed land
- Painful Toil

Genesis 5:29

- (Relief from) cursed land
- (Relief from) painful toil

3. His character (v. 9b-10)

Genesis 7:1

Then the LORD said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation.

B. The world (4:1-24; 6:5-7, 11-12)

1. It's lineage (4:1-24)
2. It's character (vv. 5, 11-12)

> Noah's life serves as an exhortation to righteousness in the face of degenerate times.

SERMON NOTES

WRATH AND RESCUE

Genesis 6:9-8:12

Philippians 2:14-16

14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

II. God revealed to Noah that His wrath was imminent and His rescue certain (6:1-22).

A. God's wrath was imminent (vv. 13, 17).

> The universality of the judgment in Noah's day functions as a preview of the universal judgment at the end of the age (Matt. 24:36-39; 2 Peter 2:5 3:1-9).

Matthew 24:36-39

36 "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. 37 For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, 39 and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

B. God's rescue certain (vv. 14-22)

1. God instructed Noah to build an ark (vv. 14-16).

2. God established a covenant with Noah before he builds the ark (vv. 18-21).

> Just as God provided a way of rescue for Noah in the ark, God has provided deliverance in Christ (Rom. 5:9-11; 1 Peter 3:18-22).

Romans 5:9-11

9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

SERMON NOTES

WRATH AND RESCUE

Genesis 6:9-8:12

III. Noah responded to God's revelation of wrath and rescue with enduring faith (vv. 6:22; 7:5; Heb. 11:1, 7).

> Noah's life serves as an exhortation to enduring faith in the face of degenerate times (Heb. 11:1, 7).

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:7

7 By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

> Noah acted on God's word of warning with proclaiming righteousness (2 Pet. 2:5).

2 Peter 2:5

if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

IV. God fulfilled his promise of wrath and rescue (7:1-24).

A. God's rescued fulfilled (vv. 1-10, 13-16)

1. Noah went into the ark because God saw that he was righteous (vv. 1-3).
2. Noah went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood (vv. 5-10).
3. The Lord shut Noah in (vv. 13-16).

> God determined humanity was ripe for judgment but allowed a 120-year delay before judgment fell.

1 Peter 3:20

20 because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

SERMON NOTES

WRATH AND RESCUE

Genesis 6:9-8:12

B. God's wrath fulfilled (vv. 11-12, 17-24)

1. Water came from below and above (vv. 11-12).
2. The waters prevailed (vv. 17-20).
3. All flesh died, except for those in the ark (vv. 21-24).

V. God remembers Noah (8:1-12).

1a But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark.

> It is God who remembers; all the action in the story occurs as a result of His divine initiative.

A. The waters receded (vv. 1b-5).

B. Noah opened the window of the ark and sent forth a raven, then a dove (vv. 6-12).



Sermon Notes



What book of the Bible are we learning from?



Who's preaching this morning?

What is the big idea of the sermon?

Write down two things that stand out to you from today's sermon.

Did you learn anything new about God, people, or salvation?

**Sermon
doodles**

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OBJECTIVE: TO SEE SINNERS STAND CONDEMNED BEFORE OUR HOLY GOD, BUT GOD PROVIDES RESCUE FROM HIS WRATH THROUGH JESUS.

DISCUSS

- Read Genesis 6:9 - 8:12. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- According to this passage, what evidences the rebellion of humanity meriting God's wrath? Why is wrath a part of God's holy and righteous character?
- What do we learn about God's patience and mercy before judgment? What does the flood teach you about God's Word and trusting His Word?
- What is your response to God's instructions, warnings, and promises concerning judgment and salvation? Knowing God's promises of judgment are true, what urgency is God awakening in you?
- Read Romans 5:9-11. How does the ark point to Jesus? [see also Matt 24:37-39, Hebrews 11:7]
- Are you willing to live as a minority in the culture as a voice of truth and hope that speaks of God's deliverance through Jesus Christ?
- How can we help each other watch and live in expectancy of the Lord's return at any moment? [see also Titus 2:11-13, 2 Peter 3:11-13, 1 John 3:1-3]

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For larger groups, consider using Zoom breakouts for the following questions leading into smaller group prayer time. You may want to type these questions into the chat.

- In light of this passage, what is one act of obedience the Holy Spirit is calling you towards this week?
- Is there one burden you need help shouldering?
- What is your one prayer request for personal renewal?

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020

JESUS' NOAH SERMON

Before the great flood came, only Noah and his family believed God and got into the ark. Everyone else continued living in their unbelief and rebellion against God. In their unbelief, they were suddenly swept away by God's wrathful floodwaters. Today, we read from Jesus' "Noah Sermon" where he makes an important point for people in our day.

READ: Matthew 24:36-39

- To what does Jesus compare the days of Noah? (see 1 Thes. 5:12, Rev. 3:3)
- Imagine the lives of those living in Noah's day. Re-write (or share) verses 38-39 in your own words.
- If Jesus returns today, all who have not believed in Him will perish as the people did in Noah's day. How can you practically seek to share the good news of Jesus this week?
- What other ways may we ready ourselves for the Lord's return?

PRAY

- Thank God that He rules over all history and times and has given you a chance to repent and believe in Christ.
- Pray for the salvation of people you know who are not trusting in Jesus.

SING: "God Moves in a Mysterious Way," by Sovereign Grace Music

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2pTEboDF090>)

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020

SAVED FROM WRATH

Just as in the times of Noah, all humanity is at enmity with God because of the fall. God judged humanity by flooding the whole world, but He saved Noah and his family because they trusted and obeyed in Him. In the same way, God has provided salvation through Christ Jesus who became our righteousness by the shedding of His blood. If we now trust in God and obey His Word, we have reconciliation with Him through the Son and are saved from God's wrath. Therefore, rejoice in the Lord "through whom we have now received reconciliation."

READ: Romans 5:9-11

- What is the wrath of God and why is it imminent?
- Verse 10 says that we were God's "enemies". How is God's wrath different for the enemy and the reconciled?
- What does this truth reveal about the state of humanity and how does this show our desperate need for reconciliation?
- As Noah trusted and obeyed in God, what steps can you take towards trust and obedience in God?

PRAY

- Thank God that He has provided salvation from His righteous wrath through the righteousness of Christ.
- Thank God that no matter how dark and evil the world is, our hope is in Christ who transcends the destructive effects of sin.
- Ask God for strength to trust and obey Him in the face of an increasingly sinful world.

SING: "Trust and Obey," by Don Moen

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mVMwnWoqYnc&ab>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020

THE GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL GOD

Like Noah, God commissioned the prophet Jonah to call the Ninevites to repent from their sin and idolatry in the face of impending judgment. Unlike Noah, Jonah was reluctant to carry out this task because he didn't think the Ninevites deserved God's mercy. But even with Jonah's resistance, God used this stubborn messenger to save thousands in the pagan land of Nineveh (this really upset the selfish Jonah!). Here's the message for us: Though God's wrath awaits those who oppose him, the Bible reminds us God is "slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love" and desires that all people would turn from their sin and submit to His Lordship.

READ: Jonah 3:1-5, 4:1-2

- Why do you think Jonah was reluctant to preach salvation to the pagan Ninevites?
- The people of Nineveh no longer exist, but in your mind, who might be the "modern-day Ninevites?"
- What does this narrative teach you about God's character?

PRAY

- Thank God for being patient with you on your journey toward repentance and faith.
- Pray for "modern-day Ninevites," that God would send faithful messengers and save people from their sins.
- Pray that God would give you a "Ninevite" with whom he wants you to share the gospel.

SING: "Tears of the Saints," by Leeland

(<https://youtu.be/tBxSjH2k2BQ>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020

MERCY OR CALAMITY?

Consider the wisdom of Solomon in Proverbs chapter 28. These words of Solomon written to his son and for our ears capture the heart of Noah towards the Lord in Genesis 6:9-8:12.

READ: Proverbs 28:13-14

- Is it possible to conceal anything from God?
- If God knows everything, why is confession so important?
- What does this proverb teach us about God?
- What does this proverb teach us about having a soft heart before the Lord?
- In what ways do you think Noah modeled this proverb for us?

PRAY

- Pray that the Lord would make your heart sensitive to the sin in your life.
- Ask God to give you a heart that fears him and is soft before him.

SING: "Here I Am to Worship," by Passion

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSrz1_c7b1Q)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020

GOD CALLS ABRAM

Taking a break from our “Beginnings” sermon series, Joel Smith will show God’s plan for the salvation of the nations through calling and appointing one man, Abram.

READ: Gen 12:1-4

- What sacrifices did God call Abram to make in this passage?
- What did God promise to do through Abram’s obedience?
- What does this passage reveal about God and his heart for the nations?
- How has God kept this promise? How are all the nations blessed through Abram?
How does Jesus relate to this promise?

PRAY

- Praise God for his heart to see the nations saved. Praise God for bringing the gospel to you and granting you faith to believe.
- Pray that God would give us, the church, obedient hearts like Abram to do all that he calls us to do.
- Pray that God would be glorified throughout the world through the salvation of the nations.

SING: “Let the Nations Be Glad,” by Matt Boswell

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gIUwOHO2bXE>)