



Reflection Questions

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Protection in the Storm

Genesis 7:1-16

The judgment arrives. God's holiness demands judgment for sin, but in His mercy, He also provides a way of salvation for those who trust Him. Then, at the end of our passage, we read, "And God shut him in." What makes that particular statement so profound?

Reflection Questions:

1. How does Noah's 120 years of faithful obedience and preaching, despite seeing no converts, challenge our modern expectations for ministry success and visible results?
2. In what ways does the Ark serve as a picture of Christ, and how does understanding God shutting the door impact your view of eternal security?
3. Why do you think our culture gravitates toward displaying verses about God's mercy and love, but avoids reminders of His judgment, and how does this imbalance affect our understanding of the gospel?
4. What might it have been like for Noah's hired workers to build the Ark for years while rejecting the message, and how does this parallel people today who are exposed to the gospel but remain unchanged?
5. How does the equation '40 less than 7' help you reframe your current trials in light of the eternal rest promised in Christ?
6. What does it reveal about God's character that He left the door of the Ark open until the very last moment, even knowing no one else would enter?
7. How should the reality of God's judgment on sin deepen our appreciation for His grace and mercy rather than diminish it?
8. In what ways are you tempted to 'shut the door' on people you think are too far gone, and how does God's patience with the pre-flood generation challenge that attitude?
9. What does it mean practically to find rest in the Ark during your personal '40 days' of testing, when circumstances around you remain chaotic?