

Genesis Chapter 7: Dying to Live

Lift up the Lord Jesus Christ

Genesis Chapter 6 Review: Preaching Righteousness in a World of Corruption

- Judgment is Sure
- Ungodly sexual unions exemplified an unrepentant world bent on brazen evil and headed for judgment
- Noah was righteous and a "preacher of righteousness" in a mocking, wicked, deceived world that would not listen; we are to do the same

*The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit **for the purpose of prayer** [1 Peter 4:7]*

Genesis Chapter 7: "...whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. Luke 9:24

1Then the LORD said to Noah, "Enter the ark, you and all your household, for you alone I have seen to be **righteous before Me in this time.**

- **"Enter the arc"**... "come out of the arc" in 8:16
- **You alone**...righteous before me; **what about Noah's family?**

1 Corinthians 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is **sanctified** through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is **sanctified** through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, **but now they are holy.**

- Some of Paul's "*hard to understand words*" [2 Peter 3:16]
- **Godly Influence of a believing parent or spouse** is clear
- **Integrity:** They followed Noah who followed God

Genesis 6:9 ...Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; **Noah walked with God.**

- **God initiates the invitation** to rest in His Salvation: **Enter the Arc**

Matthew 11:28 " Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and **I will give you rest.**

- Lamech prophesied coming rest in Noah; ultimately **fulfilled in Jesus**

Genesis 5:29 ...he called his name Noah, saying, "**This one will give us rest** from our work and from the toil of our hands arising from the ground which the LORD has cursed."

- Prophecy fulfilled, **but not as expected**

2"You shall take with you of every **clean** animal by **sevens**, a male

and his female; and of the animals that are **not clean two**, a male and his female; 3also of the birds of the sky, by sevens, male and female, to keep offspring alive on the face of all the earth.

- **7 of each clean** animal plus their mate would be used for sacrifice, food and reproduction
- 2 unclean plus their mate would reproduce after flood
- **Clean and Unclean:** Lev 11:1-31, Deut 14:3-20
- Picture of Jews/ Gentiles; both accepted in Christ

Acts 10:11 (Read)...and [Peter] saw the sky opened up, and an object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground, 12and there were in it all kinds of four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air. 13A voice came to him, "Get up, Peter, kill and eat!" 14But Peter said, "By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything unholy and unclean." 15Again a voice came to him a second time, **"What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy."**

Mark 7:18 And He said to them, "Are you so lacking in understanding also? Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him, 19because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?" **(Thus He declared all foods clean.)**

Colossians 2:16 Therefore no one is to act as your **judge in regard to food** or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day--17things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.

4"For after seven more days, I will send rain on the earth **forty days** and **forty nights**; and I will blot out from the face of the land every living thing that I have made."

- Seven days to get done, Rain for **Forty days**

Forty: A precise number, not just a long period of time. Forty is used by God to represent a period of testing or judgment; the length of **time necessary to accomplish some major part of Gods plan...or, "That's enough"**

- It rained for 40 days and 40 nights in Noah's day. After Deluge, Noah was on ark for another 40 days.
- Moses was on the mountain 40 days and 40 nights with God in the mount.
- The Israelites wandered 40 years and ate Manna for 40 years. "Forty years" was the length of Israel's wandering in the wilderness. This period of years represents a generation, that is, the time it takes for a new generation to arise.
- Egypt was left desolate for 40 years because of God's judgments
- "Forty days" was the length of the period that the twelve spies explored the Promised Land. The spies searched the land of Canaan for 40.
- Several Israelite leaders and kings are said to have ruled for "forty years", that is, a generation. (Examples: Eli, Saul, David, Solomon.) Various leaders in Israel who reigned for 40 year periods were put there BY God according to His Will and Judgments.
- The maximum number of "stripes" allowed for punishment was 40.

"Stripes" have to do with judgment (including God's).

- God gave Nineveh 40 days to repent (Jonah 3:4).
- Jesus fasted in the wilderness for 40 days.
- Jesus was seen on the earth for 40 days after His crucifixion.
- 40 Parables of Jesus.

5 Noah did according to all that the LORD had commanded him.

6Now Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of water came upon the earth. 7Then Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him entered the ark **because of the water of the flood.**

- Noah **obeyed God** as usual; **Wickedness as usual** for everyone else

Matthew 24:39 ...and they **did not understand until the flood came** and took them all away...

- They did have a chance to understand:
- Noah was a "**Preacher of Righteousness**" during construction

2 Peter 2:5 ...and [God] did not spare the ancient world, but preserved **Noah, a preacher of righteousness**, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

- **Noah preached Judgment:** "Where is this rain...ha ha?"

2 Peter 3:3 (Read) Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, 4and saying, "**Where is the promise of His coming?** For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation." 5For when they maintain this, **it escapes their notice** that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, 6 through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.

- **Noah preached "One way to God"** Foolishness to listeners:

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the word of the **cross is foolishness** to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19For it is written, "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER **I WILL SET ASIDE.**"

- **Salvation:** not found in intellectual pursuit, but sinners being drawn by God and believing the Gospel

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "**I am the way**, and the truth, and the life; **no one** comes to the Father but through Me. [One Way]

Matthew 7:13 " Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it." For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are **few who find it.**

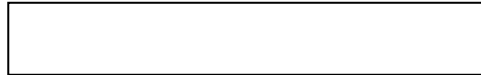
- **Noah preached death to self**, selfishness, and all that was contrary to God in us:
- **Entered the Arc:** box, chest or... **COFFIN**
- Left all that he knew; friends, relatives, comforts, TV, etc

Luke 9:24 "For whoever wishes to **save his life will lose it**, but whoever **loses his life** for My sake, he is the one who **will save it** [Jesus] paradox

- Did Jesus preach this message of dying to self through Noah?

1 Peter 3:18 (Read) For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; 19in which also He went and **made proclamation to the spirits now in prison**, 20who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought **safely through the water. 21 Corresponding to that, baptism** now saves you--not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience--through the **resurrection of Jesus Christ**

- **Baptism:** Judgment against us; Jesus paying the price through death



*We enter into the death of Jesus as Noah entered the arc; each brought safely through judgment to **New Life** [resurrection] as seen in Genesis 8!*

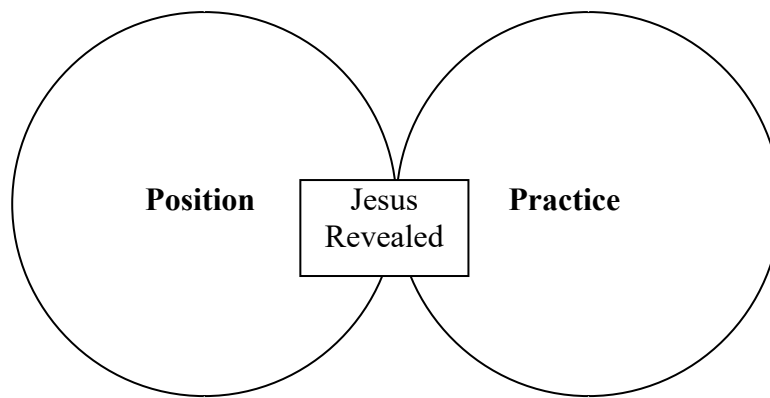
- Condition for abundant life, that is, **"real life", is to die to self**

1 Peter 3:8 To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and **humble in spirit**; 9 **not returning evil for evil** or **insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead**; for you were **called for the very purpose** that you might **inherit a blessing**.

Romans 6:8 Now **if** we have died with Christ, we believe that **we shall** also live with Him, [if...we shall]

2 Timothy 2:11 It is a trustworthy statement: For **if** we died with Him, **we will** also live with Him; [if...we will]

- **Arc:** Symbol of dying with Christ to everything except the Father's will



Romans 6: 5 For **if** we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, **certainly we shall** also be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; 7for he who has **died is freed from sin**. [If...certainly we shall]

- In Practice; not preached much

Colossians 3:5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

8 Of clean animals and animals that are not clean and birds and everything that creeps on the ground, 9there went into the ark to Noah by twos, male and female, as God had commanded Noah. 10It came about after the seven days, that the water of the flood came upon the earth. 11In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the **fountains of the great deep burst open**, and the **floodgates of the sky were opened**. 12 The rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights.

- God called the animals; Fountains/Floodgates: Water from underground **and** from the sky

13 On the very **same day** Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark, 14 they and every beast after its kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, all sorts of birds. 15So they went into the ark to Noah, by twos of all flesh in which was the breath of life.

- **Same Day?** Same day the deluge started

- **4 of 5 life categories** from Genesis 1: Ocean animals lived

16 Those that entered, male and female of all flesh, entered as God had commanded him; and the **LORD closed it behind him**.

- **God/LORD:** The LORD; God's divine name, "**shut him in**"
- God's timeline for "That's all"

Revelation 22:11 "Let the one who does wrong, **still do wrong**; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, **still keep himself holy**."

- Picture of **Closure, Safety and God's deliverance...**

Isaiah 26:20 (Read) Come, my people, **enter into your rooms** And close your doors behind you; Hide for a little while Until indignation runs its course. 21For behold, the LORD is about to come out from His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; And the earth will reveal her bloodshed And will no longer cover her slain.

- Where do we go in **time of trouble?**

Psalms 32:7 You are my **hiding place**; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah

Psalms 119:114 You are my **hiding place** and my shield; I wait for Your word.

17Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days, and the water increased and lifted up the ark, so that it rose above the earth. 18The **water prevailed** and increased greatly upon the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water.

- **Waters prevailed:** from v. meaning: To be Strong and/or Mighty

19The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered. 20The water prevailed fifteen cubits higher, and the **mountains were covered**.

- Arc was 45 feet high; water deep enough not to run aground
- Worldwide flood...**Period...**

21 **All flesh** that moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind; 22 of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the **breath of the spirit of life, died**. 23Thus He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to

creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth;

- All Flesh
- **Breath of life:** Gift from Genesis 1:30 now taken

23b... and **only Noah was left**, together with those that were with him in the ark.

Hebrews 11:7 By faith **Noah, being warned by God** about things not yet seen, **in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world**, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

24 The water prevailed upon the earth one **hundred and fifty days**.

SUMMARY: Two Truths

1) Jesus offers us Rest, saying ... "Enter the Arc"

Matthew 11:28 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

2) He must be Everything to us... the LORD closed [the Door] behind him.

Luke 14:26 "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple

- **Noah knew** that Our Hope, Joy,& Life should be **found in Christ**
- Those **"blotted out"** created a **pseudo-life** without God [godless]

Isaiah 50:10 (Read) Who is among you that fears the LORD, That obeys the voice of His servant, That walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God. 11Behold, all you who kindle a fire, Who encircle yourselves with firebrands, **Walk in the light of your fire** And among the brands you have set ablaze This you will have from My hand: **You will lie down in torment**.

- Paul seemed to have it all but found his true Life in Christ: That I may know Him

Philippians 3:7 (Read) But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, 9and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, 10 **that I may know Him** and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

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