

Noah As for Me and my House

Scriptures

Matthew 24:32-39 (NKJV)

32 "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! 34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

No One Knows the Day or Hour

(Mark 13:32-37; Luke 17:26, 27, 34, 35; 21:34-36)

36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Matthew 7:24-28 (NKJV)

24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it

was founded on the rock.

26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

28 And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching,

The Lord wanted me to share these 2 important Scriptures with you as the core meditations are rooted here.

Introduction

This series As for Me & My House is one of urgency. I don't want you to take the wrong message home after listening to the messages in this series. It is a series for the times in which we are living. Joshua drew a line in the sand when he was talking to a rebellious Israel, Joshua 24:15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." And today as we talk about Noah, I want you to understand the sense of URGENCY in this message that the Lord wants me to share with you. It is for your learning but also for you to take action and make a response towards the Lord.

Noah lived at a time when creativity was not a challenge for mankind. His extended family, descendants of Cain were industrious, builders, creators of musical instruments, tents, workers of the ground. Noah was from a redeemed lineage—the lineage of Seth. It was through Seth's lineage that the righteousness of God returned to Adam's line. Cain was cursed but Seth took on the resemblance of Adam and from his line we see Enoch who walked with God and then was translated right into Heaven and didn't see death. Seth's lineage honored the Lord.

A Righteous Man in Evil Times

We discover Noah's story in Genesis 6.

- Verse 5 informs us that the Lord saw the wickedness of man and it was great in the earth
- Every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth and He was grieved in His heart.
- Verse 6 the Lord said He will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.

Verse 8 - But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

- This Scripture gives us insight into the Mind of God and how in tune He is with the hearts and minds of mankind. He saw that sin had corrupted the earth so badly, that there was a continuous thought towards sin in mankind's minds. This is somewhat striking to read in that there was no desire for God whatsoever. I believe that we are approaching a sin saturation level in the earth and that the earth itself is rejecting the evil that we have welcomed. The earth itself is in groaning.
- We must remember that a Holy God created a Holy Earth by His Holy Word—He looked at it, walked through it, inspected it and said "It is Good!"
- Then man sinned and lost dominion of God's Good Earth and sin and death entered into creation.
- Romans 8:22 (NKJV)
- 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

Genesis 6:17-22 (NKJV)

17 And behold, <u>I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth</u>, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. 18 But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. 19 And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. 20 Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. 21 And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them."

22 Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

The Warning from the Lord

Matthew 7:24-28 (NKJV)

Build on the Rock (Luke 6:47–49)

24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be

like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

28 And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching,

The Lord wants us urgently to know that He is bringing the floods, and the the winds:

- We are entering a judgement zone
- He is bringing the floods and the winds to our houses again!
- He is coming to test the foundations of our homes again
- It is not a weather phenomenon you must be deeply concerned about, it is the foundation of your home in relationship with The Lord
- If your house is built on SAND, your house is not going to stand up against the floods and winds
 - Sand is a shaky foundation
 - It's filled with mineral deposits from all over the place and none of it is packed tightly together
 - It's shifty, it's sometimes this and sometimes that
 - Anything can leave a footprint, and also any imprint is quickly washed away
 - It's unstable, weak, prone to crumbling
 - o It's a foundation full of compromise and excuses
 - Those that build on SAND know that they have a weaker foundation and have accepted it and yet continue to try and expand their lives and enlarge themselves on weakness!
- If your house is built on the ROCK, you will be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord
 - The rocks mineral makeup is tightly packed together
 - o It's matured and weathered many environments and remained intact
 - It's solid and doesn't change
 - It's not easily imprinted on, yet it leaves an imprint wherever it is placed
 - It accepts no compromises or excuses
 - o It WILL stand up to the floods and the winds

The urgency of the mission given to Noah, and the teaching of Jesus here is the imminent arrival of the storm and the preparedness or lack of preparedness of your house!

Any Day Now, Are You Ready

Matthew 24:36-39 (NKJV)

No One Knows the Day or Hour (Mark 13:32–37; Luke 17:26, 27, 34, 35; 21:34–36)

36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

The Redemptive Purpose on Noah's Life

- Genesis 5:29 tells us that Noah's name means "Comfort" saying, "This
 one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands,
 because of the ground which the LORD has cursed."
- Something about this lineage and Noah's life was going to bring comfort
 - Comfort in response to what?
 - They thought it was just the curse that was on the land because of Adam & Eve's sin
 - It was actually comfort because a Great Flood was coming

Examine the Redemption of New Beginnings!

- Genesis chapter 6 and <u>Verse 8</u> But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.
- 2Peter 2:4-5 4 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; 5 and did not spare the ancient world, <u>but saved</u> <u>Noah, one of eight people</u>, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

Conclusion

Noah's story is about the end of the old world and the beginning of a new one. Grace in Genesis 6:8 ties directly to this — Noah's favor with God ushers in a fresh start for humanity.

Noah's Name also means "Comfort." There is a comfort even in the midst of urgency

There is a comfort even in the reality that you may have a shaky foundation under hour house

The comfort is that today, you can do something about it—even more so, Jesus can do something about it if you surrender the situation, your life, your home to Him.

New Beginnings, new life, the way things were can't continue, it must be new. Ready or not, the floods and the winds are coming. What will it be, as for you and your house? Will you serve the Lord?

Bible Study

The Purpose on His Life

Genesis 5:28-29 (NKJV)

28 Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and had a son. 29 And he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed."

A Promise Fulfilled Through His Life

Isaiah 54:9-10 (NKJV)

9 "For this is like the waters of Noah to Me;

For as I have sworn

That the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth,

So have I sworn

That I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.

10 For the mountains shall depart

And the hills be removed,

But My kindness shall not depart from you,

Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,"

Says the LORD, who has mercy on you.

Obedience and Sensitivity to the Lord

Hebrews 11:7 (NKJV)

7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

The Preparedness of Noah & His Family

Matthew 24:36-39 (NKJV)

No One Knows the Day or Hour

(Mark 13:32–37; Luke 17:26, 27, 34, 35; 21:34–36)

36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

God Cares About a Righteous House

2 Peter 2:4-5 (NKJV)

Doom of False Teachers

4 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; 5 and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;