



“Noah is a reproach to the believer who surrenders to the allurements of a sinful world. But his singleness of heart, though without apparent reward, ‘at the proper time’ (Gal. 6:9) is acclaimed by the only One whose opinion counted for life.” — Kenneth Matthews

“First, the prodigious size of the ark might have overwhelmed all his senses, so as to prevent him from raising a finger to begin the work. Let the reader reflect on the multitude of trees to be felled, on the great labor of conveying them, and the difficulty of joining them together. The matter was also long deferred; for the holy man was required to be engaged more than a hundred years in most troublesome labor. Nor can we suppose him to have been so stupid, as not to reflect upon obstacles of this kind.” — John Calvin

“No doubt there were plenty of witty things said about Noah...And then, one morning, the rain began, and continued, and for forty days it did not stop, and they began to think that perhaps, after all, there was some method in his madness. Noah got into his ark, and still it rained...I wonder what they thought about it all then, with water up to their knees. How their gibes and jests would die in their throats when it reached their lips.” — Alexander Maclaren

“God means for the world to see him as glorious both in his mercy and his wrath. It’s not as though God is glorious when he shows mercy and inglorious when he shows wrath and judgment. Both his wrath and his mercy are glorious. They are perfectly just, perfectly proportioned, perfectly expressed.” — John Piper

“The point that cannot be escaped is that God’s wrath is not some minor or easily dismissed peripheral element to the Bible’s plotline. Theologically, God’s wrath is not inseparable from what it means to be God. Rather, his wrath is a function of his holiness as he confronts sin. But insofar as holiness is an attribute of God, and sin is the endemic condition of this world, this side of the Fall divine wrath cannot be ignored or evaded. It is not going too far to say that the Bible would not have a plotline at all if there were no wrath.”

— D.A. Carson

“The ark was made secure from the deluge, not by human artifice but by divine miracle...by the secret power of God, and by the interposition of his hand.” — John Calvin

“The expression beautifully shows God’s fatherly touch, at the very brink of judgment.” — Derek Kidner

“Noah sailed through the judgment to a new age; catastrophe does not interrupt God’s desire to bless the world.” — Allen Ross

“God’s goodness does not mean that he will indefinitely tolerate evil. Those who will not repent of their evil must in the end perish with it. For God to be truly and finally good to his whole creation he must remove whatever spoils and destroys its goodness-ideally by repentance, but if necessary by judgment.” — Richard Bauckham

“Christ Jesus is our ark now; big enough for the whole world, strong enough to withstand the shocks of life, the rising waters of death, and the upheavals of the last judgment. There is safety here in the Son of God, sent to be for us all the shelter, the salvation, that we so desperately needed; our ark and safe passage into the new world God has planned. From that ark we will emerge to inherit a new heaven and a new earth (Rev. 21:1).” — Peter Lewis