

HANDOUT PART ONE: BUT GOD “NOAH”

God Uses the Word BUT throughout Scripture. Do YOU Know Where the “First BUT GOD” is Mentioned in the Bible? **READ Genesis 7:17-8:1:**

It Seems Fitting that the First 'BUT GOD' Mentioned in the Bible Comes in the Face of a Great Storm and Trial Over the Whole Earth, Where God Brings the Righteous Through.

- *A Storm Above...Chaos and Floods Below...And You Are Getting Rocked Every Which Way in the Ark by the Catastrophic Winds and Waves.*
- Every Piece of Land Covered With Roaring Sea Waves for as Far As You Can See.
- Being Human You Would Probably Think to Yourself...WE HAVE NO HOPE! But After Everything Noah had Seen...I Am Sure He Said, “BUT GOD...PROMISED”!

NOAH GIVES US THE KEY FOR RECEIVING GODS BLESSINGS: Take Our Eyes OFF the Storms We Face and TRUST WHAT GOD HAS PROMISED!

120 Years Passed from When God Asked Noah to Build the Ark until the Flood Came. Think About the Lessons Noah Would Have Learned Over those 120 Years...Like...

- Facing Constant Ridicule as He Built the Ark...The Greatest Lesson would be to Trust and Obey God when You Don't Understand!
- *My Favorite Lesson I am Sure Noah Learned Even Before Solomon said it...Trust in the Lord With All Your Heart and do Not lean Unto Your Own Understanding. In All Your Ways Acknowledge Him and He Will Make Your Path Straight!*

As we Look at Today's Text. and other Storms in the Bible...We Begin to Grasp Some of the Reasons For and Outcomes From the Storms that God Allows in OUR Lives.

IN Genesis Chap 6 VS 9 to Chap 8 VS 19 God Calls Noah and Creates a New World!

- Here “We See Gods Heart”...that Even when Mankind Turns Totally from God... God Always Saves a Remnant that Remains Faithful to Him!

Read Gen 6:6-8 God Came to the End of His Belief that Mankind Could Be Redeemed...He laments about the state of the pre-flood world and culture, and He Decides to start over:

- Here We See God's Character...No Matter How Bad Things Get...*God Is Always Looking for Persons Who Will Stand Against the Culture of Sin.*
- *Adam failed the test BUT... sired the line of Noah, "a Righteous Man **READ Gen 6:9***

God Wants Us to Understand...We Have the Same Responsibility to Stand Firm Against a “Woke Culture” and Daily Point People to the Free Gift of Salvation that was Provided Through the Death, Burial and Resurrection of God's Son, Jesus Christ!

Think About This...Noah is the First Person Whose Work is Primarily Redemptive. **FACT: The Work God Gave to Noah has Been Given to All Workers Since Noah... You and I are CALLED to the Work of Redemption and Reconciliation.**

God Wants of Each of Us is to Stand Firm Midst Our Culture and Point People to The Grace that He has Provided to All that Will Receive it!

POINT: Like Noah...We Need to Hear the Word of the Lord and Act Upon What He has Asked Us to Do...Bathed in Prayer, Knowing on Our Own We Can't "But God" Can!

- The Flood Subsides, New Vegetation Springs Up... It's a New World...God was Giving Mankind a New Opportunity to Start from Scratch and Get it Right.
- God is Always at Work to Restore what was Lost in the Fall, and He Uses Fallen-but-Being-Restored People [You and ME] as His Chief Instrument.

This Passage speaks to All who See the Storms of God, that Lead them to Call Out to God.

- The Main Purpose for Each Storm In Our Lives is that We Will Experience a 'But God' Moment where He Stills the Storm and Brings Us Through.
 - **Point:** God has a Desired Haven for Us...But Often it's Location is Through a Storm. SO...Don't Fear the Storm...In the Midst...Stand Still, Trust and Give Thanks.
- KEY:** God is Always in Control...Remember He Not Only has a Purpose in Allowing Storms...But that He is the Only One that Can Calm Them.

KEY POINT FOR US TO REMEMBER: 'BUT GOD MOMENTS' Arrive During Those Seasons of Life when Everything Seems to be Against us.

During Those Times of Despair, Discouragement and Facing the Unknown... Only God can Interrupt, Intercede and Reverse Your Situation. In the Midst of There is Always, BUT GOD!

Last Month we Saw Joseph Sold into Slavery by his brothers, Essentially left for Dead.

- Later, when they learn he is Not Only Alive...But is Now Second in Command of All Egypt, they assume they will be put to death...However, Genesis 50:20 recounts the words of Joseph to his brothers.
- **"You intended to harm me, BUT GOD Intended it for Good to Accomplish what is Now being Done, the Saving of Many Lives."**

Psalm 73:26 we read, "My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

If you are a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, you have Experienced a 'But God' Moment.

- **Romans 5:8** addresses every believer by stating, "*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*"

Ephesians 2:4-5 tells believers, "*But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.*"

What we Learn from Noah is...We Are to Hear the Word of the Lord and Act Upon What He has Asked Us to Do...Bathed in Prayer, Knowing On Our Own We Can't...BUT GOD CAN!

"LIFE" POINT: Don't Fear the Storm...Rather in the Midst Of the Storm...Stand Still, Trusting God, Giving Thanks for What He is About to Do!