

From Creation to New Creation

Genesis 6:9 – 8:22

"The Flood" – April 10, 2022



Introduction

After the Fall, we see that there were two ways to live - two paths to follow. We must and will choose a path. Will we trust ourselves or will we trust God? We can go to church, sing songs of the faith, get baptized, etc., yet when trials come, we are tempted to rely on ourselves.

Here, Noah's faith is put to the test. The flood is not just a cute story. It tells of a time in history when everyone and everything died in a watery grave except for Noah and his family and enough animals to repopulate the earth. What does this story mean to the children of Israel who were wandering in the wilderness for 40 years? There would be an entire generation who would die before they went into the Promised Land. There would be funeral after funeral. They may have wondered if God would be faithful to them.

The flood is an account of God's judgement, but it is also a reminder of God's mercy and grace. It is about God's refusal to give up on His people. We must take God's judgement seriously and trust God in the darkest days.

Big idea: Because God is faithful, we must prepare for His judgement and rest in His love.

Pray

Before you begin, take some time to ask God to help you understand His word, to reveal what needs to change in you, and for the grace to follow Him in response. To help, use [Psalm 119:33-40](#) as a prayer for God to open His word up to you.

Sermon Outline

1. Because God is faithful, prepare for His judgement. 6:9- 7:24
2. Because God is faithful, rest in His love 8:1-22

Read & Discuss

1) Read 6:9 – 7:24

Because of the violence, corruption, and sin of the people, God's heart was grieved. He told Noah that He will make an end to all flesh. God has been patient, but there is an end to that patience. He takes sin seriously, and He will judge. But He will NOT give up on His plan. He will make a way of salvation for those who trust in Him.

Noah prepared for God's judgement by obeying God's instruction to build an ark. Faith always manifests itself in obedience. In spite of being mocked and laughed at, Noah continued to obey God and warn the people of the judgement to come. However, it would have been easy for Noah to question God; he was probably tempted to give up on this project many times. Noah's faith kept him going! God promised to establish His covenant with Noah. He chose to believe God's word, and he kept going. God's word sustained him.

Noah prepared for God's judgement by going into the ark. After years of building the ark and warning of God's judgement, God tells Noah to go into the ark. All the while that Noah was building and warning, the door of the ark was open. The people needed to take the word of the Lord seriously, but they didn't. God shut the door ([vs. 16](#)), the rain came, and "all flesh died that moved on the earth" ([vs. 21](#)). Our life is ours because God gives it. It is sustained because God sustains it. It is taken because God takes it. God is infinitely good and holy. God's judgement is just.

God is patient. He wants people to come to Him. He delays judgement to give people an opportunity to turn to Him. Jesus is the Ark that lifts us above the waters of God's judgment by dying on the cross. He rose from the grave and is inviting us to come to Him - not through a wooden door but through Him. ([John 10](#))

Have there been times that you have been tempted to give up on what God has called you to do? What has helped you to persevere? Knowing that God's judgment is coming, what prevents you from being more diligent about telling others about Jesus? Are you urgent in your evangelism? Do you believe that Jesus is coming back and that there is a judgement coming?

Additional Reading: 2 Peter 2:5; Hebrews 11:7; 2 Peter 3; Matthew 24:37-39; Romans 6:23, John 10

2) Read 8:1-22

Noah had to wait and trust that God would keep His word. Noah, his family and thousands of animals were locked up on the ark together for a little over a year. But when God said, "Go out from the ark," Noah obeyed. They were saved. No wonder the first thing that Noah did was to build an altar thanking God for His mercy and grace.

Do you like waiting? Noah had to wait a long time. Faith waits on God until God speaks. Faith refuses to be god, setting our own time table. Faith acknowledges that God is good. Though God judges, His intent is to be faithful to His people

For those outside of Christ - there is no hope. God's judgment is coming.

For those like Noah who trust God - there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ. God cannot deny Himself. God's love is steadfast, unfailing and promise keeping.

Have you ever run ahead of God? Have you ever hesitated to obey God right away? What were the results? Can you recount the ways that God has been faithful to you over the years? With whom can you share the ways God has been faithful as a segue way to sharing the gospel?

Additional Reading: Isaiah 54; Romans 8

Prayer of Response

1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?

2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand, believe, desire, or do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to com.

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*Next week's sermon text: we turn to 1 Corinthians 15:35-49 "Raised in Glory"
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