

# “But God Remembered ...”

Genesis 8:1-22

## Introduction

### I The Remembrance Of God

- A. God remembered Noah & the animals - Ps 25:7
- B. God sent a wind over the earth
  - 1. The waters receded - Ex 14:21-22
  - 2. He had already closed:
    - a. The springs of the deep - Gen 7:11
    - b. The floodgates of heaven - Job 14:13; 42:12-13
- C. God brought the ark to rest on Ararat - 2 Cor 5:17
  - 1. On the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month
  - 2. The water continued to recede
  - 3. The mount tops became visible

### II The Investigation Of The Earth

- A. Noah opened the window in the ark - Lam 3:22-26
- B. Noah sent out a raven - 1 Kings 18:41-44; Eph 2:1-4
  - 1. It kept flying back and forth until the earth was dry
- C. Noah sent out a dove - Lev 1:14; Rom 6:19
  - 1. 1<sup>st</sup> time: The dove could find no place to land
  - 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> time: The dove returned with an olive leaf
  - 3. 3<sup>rd</sup> time: The dove did not return
    - a. The water had dried up from the earth after 371 days
- D. Noah removed the covering of the ark - 1 Pet 3:18-22
  - 1. He saw that the earth was completely dry

### III The Recommissioning Of Animal Life

- A. God commanded Noah to come out of the ark
  - 1. Along with his wife and family - 1 Pet 3:18-22
- B. God commanded Noah to bring out every living creature
  - 1. So that they could multiply on the earth
  - 2. So that they could be fruitful and increase - Gen 1:21-23
- C. Noah obeyed the commands of the Lord - 1 Jn 2:3-4

### IV The Priorities Of Noah’s Heart

- A. Noah built an altar to the Lord - Gen 12:7-8 ; 26:25; 33:20
  - 1. He sacrificed burnt offerings on it - Heb13:15; Rom 1:21
- B. The Lord smelled the pleasing offering:
  - 1. Never again will I curse the ground because of man
    - a. Even though his heart is evil - Jer 17:9
  - 2. Never again will I destroy all living creatures
- C. The Lord assures Noah of the predictability of life:
  - 1. Seedtime and harvest
  - 2. Cold and heat
  - 3. Summer and winter
  - 4. Day and night - Ps 74:16-17

## PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

- 1. Share a time when you wondered if God had forgotten about you. What were the circumstances? How did you react?
- 2. We have no textual indication that Noah knew how long he would be on the Ark. Is there an area of your life that seems frustratingly “open-ended” with no end in sight? Do you feel forgotten by God? What lessons can you learn from Noah?
- 3. The first thing Noah did upon disembarking the Ark was to build an altar and sacrifice to God. In light of the multitude of pressing tasks, it is instructive that he placed such a high priority on seeking God. Is this kind of devotion reflected in your life? Why or why not? What steps do you need to take to put Christ first in your life? In your family? In your work?
- 4. In Gen 8:21, God describes Noah’s animal sacrifice as a pleasing offering. What kind of sacrifice does Romans 12:1 tell us God is seeking today? Read Isaiah 29:13. What seems to be a temptation when it comes to worshipping God? How can you avoid this kind of superficial worship?
- 5. Take time right now to praise God for His gift of salvation and for being the God who “remembers” you!

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