

The Gospel Of The Flood Genesis 6:13-22

Salvation By Water

Image of our salvation, not just children's story - **1Peter 3:20-21**

The Flood

Setting: a world of exceedingly great wickedness - **Genesis 6:6-7**

What would it take to make God regret a decision?

"Corruption and violence" - Are we really that different?

The man: Noah, one light in a dark world - **Genesis 6:8-9**

What are the implications of this passage?

One man remained pure despite influence of an entire world.

Greater love for God than for himself.

What would be the effect of the ark on the average neighbor?

What makes us think our world is any less wicked than Noah's?

We preach fire, not flood, and world still laughs - **2Peter 3:3-7**

Preach with same courage as Noah, stand out - **2Timothy 3:12**

"Perfect in his generations"

How hard for Noah to keep family faithful in that world?

Required a consistent example, balanced reasoning, patient endurance of trial, and firm discipline.

A hypocrite would not make a hero.

It was obvious to Noah's family that God came first.

"Noah found grace"

Unmerited favor, unearned blessing, God's work in salvation

Interesting that grace was operating that long ago.

Noah was like us; he needed grace - **Genesis 6:18,22**

God established covenant with Noah because lived righteous

Grace brought warning to Noah; grace instructed Noah on what to do; but, grace did not build the ark, OBEDIENCE did! Took 120 years and mountain moving faith to build it.

101,250 sqft floor; 1.5 million cuft; 622 rail box cars, train 2.25 miles long; >1000 10X10 stalls;

No steer or propel, just float; tarred in/out

Gopher wood, Middle English for type Asian white oak is light, fibrous and strong - **Genesis 6:14-16**

Result: Noah saved by water - **Genesis 6:17; 7:11-8:1,14-22; 9:11-15**

That which saved Noah, destroyed the world.

God kept His promise; Noah kept covenant and was saved

The Gospel

How does one find the Gospel in the Flood? - **1Peter 3:18-21**

The salvation of Noah was based on three things:

Grace of God activated/validated Noah's salvation - **Genesis 6:8**

Noah not warned/instructed, self preservation was pointless.

Noah's faith initiated and motivated salvation - **Hebrews 11:7**

His obedience perpetuated/culminated salvation - **Genesis 7:1**

The very thing that saved Noah, condemned the world.

What saved Noah: grace alone? faith alone? obedience alone?

All needed God began, Noah believed/acted on instructions.

Same Gospel saves us, condemns the world - **Revelation 22:12,15**

Grace - God's grace activates/validates salvation - **Ephesians 2:8**

Made salvation available by sending Jesus to shed His blood for remission of sins. Revealed to us by Holy Spirit Word

Faith – Our faith initiates and motivates the process of salvation - **Hebrews 11:6; James 2:24**

Salvation is for the believer; it is not hereditary or arbitrary.
Obedience - perpetuates/culminates salvation - **Hebrews 5:7-9**
Try eliminate any of three and see if salvation can be found.
"What about ignorance?" None outside spared ignorance? - **Genesis 7:23**

Water Still Saves Or Damns

1Peter 3:20-21; Mark 16:16

The flood is God's proof that He will punish sin - **2Peter 3:5-7**

God promised not to destroy world with water again; Use fire next time. Don't be caught unready as those in Noah's day.

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