

GENESIS IN THE BEGINNING...

4/14/24
Text:
Genesis 8:1-22

“Waiting on the Lord”

I. Waiting to reach land (vs. 1-5)

- A. God remembers Noah (Gen. 30:22; Ex. 2:24; Luke 1:72-73)
- B. The waters stopped and receded (Gen. 8:2-3)
- C. The ark rested on the mountains of Ararat (Gen. 8:4-5)

II. Waiting for the birds (vs. 6-12)

- A. Raven and dove find no resting place (Gen 8:6-9)
- B. Dove finds a freshly plucked olive leaf (Gen. 8:10-11)
- C. Dove does not return (Gen. 8:12)

III. Waiting to leave the ark (vs. 13-19)

- A. The earth is dry (Gen. 8:13-14; Gen. 7:11)
- B. Noah, his family, and the animals leave the ark (Gen. 8:15-19)

IV. Waiting leads to worship (vs. 20-22)

- A. Noah builds an altar and offers burnt offerings (Gen. 8:20)
- B. God accepts Noah's offering (Gen. 8:21a; Lev. 1:8-9)
- C. God waits to judge evil (Gen. 8:21b; 2 Pet. 3:3-7; Rev. 20:12)
- D. God promises to sustain mankind (Gen. 8:22)

V. Application

- A. We actively wait with faith (Ps. 25:1-3; 62:5-8; Lam. 3:25)
- B. We actively wait with patience (Ps. 27:14; Hab. 2:3)
- C. We actively wait with obedience (Ps. 37:9, 34)
- D. We actively wait with confident expectation (Ps. 40:1-3; 130:5; Is. 25:9; Heb. 11:13-16)

Psalm 27:14 - *Wait on the Lord;
Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart;
Wait, I say, on the Lord!*

Next Sunday's sermon: Genesis 9:1-7

If you were to share a key insight from today's sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Discussion Questions: In what sense did God "remember" Noah? How long was Noah and his family in the ark? What was the first thing Noah did after he left the ark? How does the predictable patterns of seasons fulfill God's promise to sustain mankind? What does it mean to actively wait on the Lord? How can we be faithful to God while we wait on Him?

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