

NOAHS BOAT

**Let us turn to Genesis 6 and meditate a bit today
on the ark as a picture of Christ and salvation**

Our hope

- **When we consider the subject of salvation as portrayed by the ark, we see that the ark was instructive—it teaches!**
- **Not only is the ark a beautiful type of Christ, but it provides us with an excellent picture of the salvation that was accomplished in Christ, and secured by and through him!**
- **The greatest theme in the account of the ark is that of the saving grace of God through the obedience of faith.**
- **The essential thing in the account of the flood was not the ark per se----but what the ark represented.**
- **The story of Noah in Genesis 6-9 is the story of man's sin, and of divine judgment. But the emphasis falls on God's salvation of Noah and his family- the salvation of a few because of One man.**
- **That is what we celebrate today, once more -the salvation of the whole world because of One man, as taught in I John 2:1-2, **Romans 5:19 1 Corinthians 15:22****
- **And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**
- **Romans 5:19 teaches that "As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.**
- **1 Corinthians 15:22 teaches that as a consequence of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross all men can now potentially benefit from everlasting life.**

- **With this in mind, let us turn our attention to this event.**
- In Genesis 6:3, we read that God said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”
- ⁵ And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- **The earth was so wicked that, without apology, God could have judged it on the spot (Gen. 6:5). But in His grace and patience, He delayed judgment for over a century, while Noah built the ark (see 1 Pet. 3:20).**
- Genesis 6:5, suggests that that there would be 120 years until the judgment of the flood.
- This reminds us of 2 Peter 3:9 where we see God’s grace still being exhibited and extended.
- ⁶ And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.
- ⁷ And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.
- ¹³ And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.
- **NOTE THE LOVELY THING THAT VERSES 7 AND 13 TEACHES US**

- In these two verses, we learn that God personally disclosed to Noah that he would meet out judgment upon man and the earth because of their sin.
- This revelation of the outpouring of divine wrath was given as a result of the relationship Noah had with God, in keeping with, and as an example of the clear teaching of Amos 3:7 which says.....
- Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.
- We can trace this blessed truth about our privilege as believers throughout the Bible.
- I believe that God is still today telling his people who believe Him what he is about to do.
- I believe also that it can be said of us contemporary Christians the same thing that was said of Noah in Genesis 6:8...that is...
- ⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

- The Lord had extended grace to our fore parents in the garden.
- He had extended grace to Cain by giving him a mark to save him from being murdered as he had done to his brother.
- Now the Lord extends grace to Noah.
- **8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.**
- Lamentations 3:22 says
- **It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.**
- **Except for God's grace, we would still be in our sins.....and still doomed to suffer for them**
- **It was God's grace that saved Noah. And he, like us and all the saints – Old Testament or New – was saved by grace through faith**

THE SALVATION PROVIDED BY THE ARK

via grace through faith

Genesis 6:8 (Ephesians 2:8-10)

- First of all, the ark and the flood is a reminder to us of the matchless grace of God. While unbelievers found judgment, Noah found grace (Genesis 6:8).
- To a certain extent, all of the people of that day experienced the grace of God, because it was not until 120 years after the revelation of a coming judgment that it actually came upon men.
- That 120 year period was an age of grace in which the gospel was proclaimed.
- The difference between Noah and those who perished was their response to God's grace.
- Those who perished interpreted God's grace as divine indifference as is presented in Zephaniah 3 & 2 Peter 3. They concluded that God neither cared nor troubled Himself at the occasion of men's sin.
- Noah, on the other hand, recognized grace for what it really is—an opportunity to enter into an intimate relationship with God, and at the same time, to avoid divine displeasure and judgment.
- Noah's years were spent in walking with God in the obedience of faith , building the ark, and proclaiming God's Word.
- We are saved by grace, through faith. Just as Noah had to get on the ark we had to believe

- 12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.
- 13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.
- 14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and **shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.**
- rooms shalt thou make in the ark,
- **This reminds us of John 14 Jesus promised us “abiding places” at the place to which he has invited us**

- **shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.**
- In Genesis 6:14 the Hebrew word for “pitch” is *kaphar*. It is used here as both a verb (“to cover over”) and a noun (a covering).
- Noah was told to kaphar or cover the ark on the inside and the outside with kopher.
- The Hebrew word used here for pitch (*kaphar*) is the same word translated “cover” or “atonement” in many other places in the Old Testament.
- it is also the regular Hebrew word for “atonement,” as in Leviticus 17: 11, for example.
- In essence, therefore, this is the first mention of “atonement” in the Bible and so God’s instructions to Noah concerning the Ark’s design contain the first reference in the Bible to the great doctrine of atonement.
- Through faith in Christ, our sins are “covered” under the blood, forgiven by God, and replaced by His own perfect righteousness, by all of which we become finally and fully reconciled to God.

- The Old Testament “atonement” was merely a covering (with many applications).
- As the pitch was to make the Ark watertight, keeping the judgment waters of the Flood from reaching those inside, so, on the sacrificial altar, “it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul” ([Leviticus 17:11](#)), keeping the fires of God’s wrath away from the sinner for whom the sacrifice was substituted and slain.
- ***[Whatever the exact nature of this “pitch” may have been (probably a resinous substance of some kind, rather than a bituminous material), it sufficed as a]***
- The pitch was a **perfect** covering for the Ark, , to keep out the [waters of judgment](#), just as the blood was a **perfect** [atonement](#) for the soul. ..the first assured physical deliverance, the second spiritual salvation.
- However, not even the shed blood on the altar could really produce salvation. It could assure it through faith in God’s promises on the part of the sinner who offered it, but “the blood of bulls and of goats” could never “take away sins” ([Hebrews 10:4](#)).
- **Both the covering pitch and animal blood were mere symbols of the substituting death of Jesus Christ, “whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God” ([Romans 3:25](#)).**

- In the construction of the ark the pitch covered over the boards and filled in the gaps between, making it one solid whole.
- When the pitch was applied it bonded with the wood and became part of it, and made the ark waterproof, by repelling water.
- The pitch could never be removed from the wood and nothing could penetrate the covering of pitch.
- In like manner, when the blood of Christ is applied to the life, and covers one's life, it is fixed permanently, for nothing can penetrate the covering of the blood.
- Through faith in Christ, our sins are "covered" under the blood, forgiven by God, and replaced by His own perfect righteousness, by all of which we become finally and fully reconciled to God.
- The applied blood of Christ alters the construction of the life and we become someone completely different, as we are reconciled and made one with God, and our life is protected from the evil with which the world is polluted (as taught in Galatians 1:4 & 2Peter 1:4).
- "who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father."
- Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

- **to *placate* or *cancel*: – appease, make (an) atonement, cleanse, disannul, forgive, be merciful, pacify, pardon, to pitch, purge (away), put off, (make) reconcile (-liation).”**
- **So get this, Noah was saved by God within a wooden vessel covered with atonement. Noah was saved from God’s wrath within atonement**

THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE ARK

Genesis 6:15

- **15 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.**
- **The ark was an incredible vessel, 450 feet in length, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high (6:15). It would serve to save both man and animals.**
- **The ark was a picture of the all sufficiency of Christ as taught in Colossians especially chapter 2**
- **e.g. Colossians 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:**
- **“Christ is all and in all” (Colossians 3:11).**

- Paul writing in [Colossians 2:10](#) says, **“And you are complete in Him.” That means exactly what it says: the sufficiency of Christ. You are, from a spiritual viewpoint, complete in Him. The surpassing theme of the New Testament is distilled and articulated in that phrase. Everything from Matthew to Revelation speaks to the issue of the sufficiency of Jesus Christ.**
- In 1 Corinthians chapter 1 and verse 30, the apostle Paul also writing, says that, **“In Christ we have all wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.”**
- In [2 Corinthians 12:9](#) it says, **“My grace” – that is the grace of God in Christ – “is sufficient for you.”**
- In [Ephesians 1:3](#) it says that, **“We have in Christ been blessed with all spiritual blessings in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus.”**
- And [Hebrews 10:14](#) says, **“By one offering He has perfected forever them that are His, or sanctified forever them that are His.”**

- **Noah's ark was big enough to hold hundreds of people, for it was the size of a modern battle ship.**
- **The fact that only eight souls were saved does not mean that the provided salvation was inadequate.**
- *Why did everyone else perish? Because they were ungodly." 2 Peter 2:5 states "He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly."*
- **The fact that only eight souls were saved bolsters a truth spoken by Jesus that, "the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it." (Matthew 7:14) Also, "many are called, but few are chosen." (Matthew 22:14)**

THE **SHAPE & STRUCTURE** OF THE ARK

Genesis 6:15

- Think of it: the ark was to be 450 feet long, 75 feet in width, and 45 feet high.
- Can you imagine how the folks of Noah's day reacted to the building of that ark!
- First, it was so big and boxy. Second, it was so ugly. Third, it seemed so useless, i.e it did not seem to fit in to the contemporary culture. Fourth, it was offensive because of what it signified.
- It was an outward sign of God's coming judgment upon the world. No one wanted a constant reminder of their sins and of God's coming judgment
- The ark **was not streamlined, it had a barge-like frame.**
- **It was** built like an ancient coffin and there was no human way to humanly guide it
- **As ships go, the ark was unattractive. It was, however, just what was needed, because it was safe!**
- **In its shape and structure or appearance, the ark was a perfect picture of the Lord. The ark was a lot like our Lord Jesus. From outward appearances, according to Isaiah 53:2-3, our Lord was not someone whom we would have found physically attractive:**
- **2 He sprouted up like a twig before God, like a root out of parched soil; he had no stately form or majesty that might catch our attention, no special appearance that we should want to follow him.**
- **3 He was despised and rejected by people, one who experienced pain and was acquainted with illness; people hid their faces from him; he was despised, and we considered him insignificant**

- You can say what you wish about the shape and size and structure of the ark ...but.....the ark was God's plan and **had to be made according to God's measure and specifications.**
- **Similarly, the redemption that is in Christ is also according to God's plans and specifications as is taught in New Testament passages such as Acts 4:12; John 14:6; Romans 3:24-25.**

THE SOLITARY WAY into THE ARK

Genesis 6:16-

- We have seen that the salvation as portrayed by the ark was instructive, for it provides us with a picture that teaches us of the salvation that was accomplished in Christ, now in verses 16& 17 we must observe that God's way of salvation was also restrictive.
- Verse 16 reads **A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.**
- **The fact that the ark had only one door reminds us that God had provided only one way of salvation.**
- **In Genesis 3:15 God promised** And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
- **Men could not be saved any way they wished, in Noah's time -- only by God's way, which was to enter the ark.**
- **Similarly the salvation which God offers men today involves a single solitary way** **There was one door into the ark just as Christ is the only way of salvation.**
- **Jesus said in John 14:6, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me'.**
- **The only way to become a son of God is through the Son of God, for as He said in John 10:9- he is the door!** I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved

- **Only faith in the God of the Bible and, specifically, faith in the Son whom He has sent will give one access to god and liberate them from the curse of sin.**
- **Acts 4:12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
- 1 Timothy 2:5 **For *there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;***
- **Just as there was one door into the ark Christ is the only way of salvation.**
- **The ark saved from physical judgment and Christ saves from spiritual judgment.**
- **The ark was entered by faith and Christ is received by faith.**
- **One door.....one way!**

THE SECURITY PROVIDED BY THE ARK

- Let us notice some truths about the security of the ark
- **Entry to the ark was by invitation.** Just as the ark had to be entered by the door, entry could only be gained by invitation.
- Just as the ark had to be entered by the door so too, salvation is entered into by Jesus' invitations
- Genesis 7:1 states "And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark;
- God did not tell Noah to "go" into the ark; He told him to "come" into the ark. God invited Noah and his family into the ark where God was waiting for them, for God was in the ark, and the security provided by the ark was in the God who was in the ark. Cf John 10:27-30; Hebrews 6???
- **Entry to salvation is by Jesus' invitations (c.f comes of Jesus every chapter of John's gospel has an invitation to Christ!**
- **Invitation into the ark is for those whom God has deemed righteous.**
- **In Genesis 7:1, the Lord said to Noah, "Enter the ark, you and all your household; for you alone I have seen to be righteous before Me in this time"**
- Noah, alone, was righteous in his day, so he was invited to enjoy the salvation pictured by the ark.
- **Only those today who God has made righteous can enter the bliss of God's salvation.**

- **Once the flood commenced and men realized that Noah had been right, they might have desperately sought to get on board the ship, but its design made it impossible to do.**
- **Just as no one could “stow away” on the ark, no one can stow away on the ark of God’s salvation provided in Christ.**
- **Note also that Genesis 7:16 tells us that It was God who shut the door of the ark, not Noah. We read in 7:16 the phrase.... “and the LORD shut him in”.**
- **Just as God closed the door of the ark, and God seals the Christian with the Spirit until the day of redemption. 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, Ephesians 1:13-14, Ephesians 4:30.**

- **Just as the ark was the *only* means of salvation from God's judgment for Noah and his family, so the Lord Jesus Christ is the *only way* that God has provided for salvation from His coming judgment on the whole world.**
- **Everyone who has trusted in Christ's shed blood will be saved.**
- **Everyone who has trusted in anything else will be lost**

- **THE BELIEVER'S SALVATION IS ETERNALLY SECURE**
- **Eternal life is declared to be the present possession of the believer in Christ as Savior ([Jn. 3:36](#); [5:24](#)).**
- And since eternity is forever, the life possessed is not temporary; it is permanent.
- Eternal life has begun and there will be no end to it. **Jesus stated that those whom He gives eternal life will never perish because He holds them in His hands, and they are securely in the Father's hands also.**
- **None is able to snatch them out of their hands ([Jn. 10:27-30](#)).**
- **This promise assures that believers have eternal security.**
- **Romans 8 begins with the affirmation that there is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus (placed there by Spirit baptism at the instant of salvation).**
- **The chapter ends with the assurance that nothing can separate believers from the love of God. This truth also assures that believers are eternally secure. Salvation is a present permanent possession of every believer!**

The **SUSTENANCE** of the ARK

Genesis 6:21

- 21 And you must take for yourself every kind of food that is eaten, and gather it together. It will be food for you and for them.
- The ark had everything that Noah, his family, and the animals needed to survive.
- The salvation that God has provided has all that the believer needs
- *Faith in God believes that He is able to guard the deposit that we have entrusted to Him until that day (2 Tim. 1:12).*
- *Phil 1:6 Jude 24 1 Peter 5:11-12?????check*