

Heroes of the Bible: (Noah) Weathering the Storm

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Genesis 6:9-9:1

9 This is the account of Noah. **Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.** 10 Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. 11 Now **the earth was corrupt in God's sight** and was full of violence. 12 God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. 13 So **God said to Noah**, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. 14 So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. 15 This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. 16 Make a roof for it and finish the ark to within 18 inches of the top. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. 17 I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. 18 But **I will establish my covenant with you**, and you will enter the ark--you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. 19 You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. 20 two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. 21 You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them." 22 **Noah did everything just as God commanded him.** 7:1 **The LORD then said to Noah**, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because **I have found you righteous in this generation.** 2 Take with you seven of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and two of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, 3 and also seven of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth. 4 seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made." 5 And **Noah did all that the LORD commanded him.** 6 Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth. 7 And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood. 8 Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, 9 male and female, came to **Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah.** 10 And after the seven days the floodwaters came on the earth. 11 **In the six hundredth year of Noah's life**, on the seventeenth day of the second month--on that day **all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened.** 12 And **rain fell on the earth** forty days and forty nights. 13 On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark. 14-21... 22 Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died. 23 Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; men and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds of the air were wiped from the earth. **Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark.** 24 The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days. 8:1 **But God remembered Noah** and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded. 2-12 (Raven & Dove) 13 **By the first day of the first month of Noah's six hundred and first year**, the water had dried up from the earth. Noah then removed the covering from the ark and saw that the surface of the ground was dry. 14 By the twenty-seventh day of the second month the earth was completely dry. 15 **Then God said to Noah**, 16 "**Come out of the ark**, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. 17 Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you--the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground--so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number upon it." 18 **So Noah came out**, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. 19 All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds--everything that moves on the earth--came out of the ark, one kind after another. 20 **Then Noah built an altar to the LORD** and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. 21 **The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart**: "Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though **every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood.** And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. 22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." 9:1 **Then God blessed Noah and his sons**, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.

1. GOD IS HOLY, WE ARE NOT

6:11 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence.

8:21 every inclination of [man's] heart is evil from childhood.

6:9 Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.

7:1 The LORD then said to Noah, "... I have found you righteous in this generation"

♦ Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

2. OUR SINFULNESS LEADS TO DEATH

6:11-13 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence... So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people..."

♦ Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death...

3. BUT GOD IS ALSO MERCIFUL

6:9 Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.

6:18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark--you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.

♦ Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

♦ Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

4. WHEN GOD SPEAKS, WE MUST RESPOND

6:13-14 So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people... So make yourself an ark"

6:22 Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

7:1 The LORD then said to Noah, "Go into the ark"

7:5 And Noah did all that the LORD commanded him.

♦ Romans 10:9

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

5. GOD REMEMBERS US

8:1 But God remembered Noah

♦ Romans 10:9

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

6. GOD BLESSES US

9:1 Then God blessed Noah and his sons

♦ John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."