36. Noah – A Righteous Man

The LORD saw how great man's <u>wickedness</u> on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. So the LORD said, "I will wipe <u>mankind</u>, whom I have created, from the face of the earth-men and animals, and <u>creatures</u> that move along the ground, and birds of the air-for I am grieved that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD ... <u>Noah</u> was a <u>righteous</u> man, blameless <u>among</u> the people of his time, and he walked with God. Noah had three sons: <u>Shem</u>, <u>Ham</u> and <u>Japheth</u> ... I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the <u>ark</u>-you and your sons and your wife and your sons' <u>wives</u> with you. (6:5-8, 9, 18NIV)

And Noah did all that the LORD commanded him.

Noah was six hundred years old when the <u>floodwaters</u> came on the earth. And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives entered the ark to <u>escape</u> the waters of the flood. (Genesis 7:6-7 NIV)

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. Now the springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens had been closed, and the rain had stopped falling from the sky. The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone down, ... Then God said to Noah, "Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. 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." ... 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. 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. "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." (Genesis 8:1-3, 15-17, 20-22 NIV)

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ... a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the <u>rainbow appears</u> in the <u>clouds</u>, (Genesis 9:8, 12-14 NIV)

By <u>faith</u> Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. (Hebrews 11:7 NIV)

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