



## Sermon Notes

### Embracing Hope Part 31 – The Hope of Reconciliation September 13, 2020

Noah received an incredible promise from the Lord.

And his incredible promise included an incredible test.

Genesis 6:11-14, 17-22

<sup>11</sup> Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. <sup>12</sup> God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out.

<sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them."

<sup>22</sup> Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

**Mankind is the apex of God's creation.**

Genesis 5:1-2

<sup>1</sup>...When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God. <sup>2</sup> He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them "Mankind" when they were created.

Psalms 8:3-4

<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,

<sup>4</sup> what is mankind that you are mindful of them...?

**God created mankind so He could have a relationship with us!**

Genesis 1:26-28

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." <sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."



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Genesis 7:13-16

<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings. <sup>15</sup> Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. <sup>16</sup> The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD shut him in.

**God is not mad at you.**

**God doesn't want anyone to perish.**

2 Peter 3:9

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Romans 2:4

<sup>4</sup> Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

**What is on God's heart today? Reconciling mankind back to Him.**

2 Corinthians 5:21

<sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

<sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

**Because of the Jesus' finished work on the cross, we are approved – not scorned.**

**We are accepted because Jesus was condemned.**

I've heard it put this way:

*Grace is God's acceptance of us*

*Faith is our acceptance of God's grace*



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Isaiah 54:9-10

<sup>9</sup> *"To me this is like the days of Noah,*

*when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth. (you can read about the covenant with Noah and rainbows in Gen 9)*

*So now I have sworn not to be angry with you,  
never to rebuke you again.*

<sup>10</sup> *Though the mountains be shaken  
and the hills be removed,*

*yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken  
nor my covenant of peace be removed,"  
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.*

