

Revelations From the Flood
Genesis 6:8 – 8:22
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Intro: This is the typical remembrance of the flood. Noah and the arch it is a story that has largely been relegated to children's ministry and Sunday School. But there are some very important understandings that are revealed by the inclusion of this grand event in the biblical account. We can learn much about God and his relationship with us even today in the ancient story of the flood. This story of a great flood, is recounted by almost every culture from American Indians to Chinese to the tribal cultures of Africa. We need to consider what it is that this story tells us about God, and about the life we are to live in relationship to Him.

Interog: Punishment for wrong doing is considered a harsh subject today. Criminals' rights have somehow become more important than victims' rights. Parents are told to simply ignore bad behavior and reward good behavior and they will be good little boys and girls. Not to mention materialistic reward seekers living a treat or trick life. The truth of the Bible is that sin must be punished and justice must be served, but only in the context of love and sacrifice. What does the flood tell us about God, about us, and about His love for us?

Read Scripture: Genesis 7:1-12

1. The Flood Reveals God's Punishment of Sin

Genesis 6 reveals why God destroyed the earth. 6:6-7,11-13

God is longsuffering toward our sin 2 Peter 3:9

God still punishes sin, but that punishment was put on Christ at Calvary Rom 6:9-10

2. The Flood Reveals God's Love toward Man

Noah was chosen by grace, Genesis 6:8

John Phillips says of Noah, he was *forgiven*, - grace, *faithful*, 6:22, 2 Peter 2:5, he did as the God commanded, and he was *fruitful*, from Him and through his three sons, the world was repopulated.

God had no compulsion to save mankind, other than His promise to Eve and her seed, He created us to love, and He kept His promise through Noah.

3. The Flood Reveals God's desire for Holy Living.

Death brought new life.

The sin that existed resulted in God's punishment, death for all living things that had the breath of life, except those who were chosen by God's grace.

Warren Wiersbe writes that the flood is a picture of Christ and salvation, He writes.

The passage in Romans, read earlier, continues in verse 11-15

Conclusion: Wiersbe also makes 6 practical applications from the story of the flood, they are ...God loves us out of His grace. Without grace, we are exposed to His judgment of sin. This is not a popular message today, but according to the Bible it is the truth we all need to hear. Nothing can save you, your good stuff cannot outweigh even one sin. You need God's grace, you need Jesus.