



Come & See What God Has Done



Noah, the rain, and the Ark – Day 3

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The story of Noah begins in Genesis 6. In only four chapters of the Bible, or around a thousand years, the man went from being created to being so vile and evil that God felt compelled to do a reset. God's anguish can be found in Genesis 6:5-7. What was once innocent and pure had become wicked. Yet all was not lost. A man named Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

Thus, the story of Noah begins as told in Genesis 8. God's wrath upon humanity lasted 40 days until the land was covered with water. When the waters receded, God gave the remnant saved by the Ark a new beginning. From Genesis 8:16-18 we read God's instructions, "Go out from the Ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him.

The only survivors of humanity left the Ark to begin life anew. These survivors were witnesses to what the wrath of God could do. They were witness to what the love of God could do. God gave humanity another chance. Instead of giving up on humans, he started afresh.

At times in our lives, we, too, go through events that seem like we are going through the great flood. Death of a loved one, a severe or life-changing illness, divorce, or loss of a job are just a few examples of the changes we can experience. We are thrust into undesirable conditions and must overcome and adapt to survive. When we rely more and more on prayer, we find a renewed and deeper relationship with the Lord.

During those difficult times, we are allowed to change and grow. It is like a caterpillar's time in the chrysalis before emerging as a beautiful butterfly. We are given the chance to change into a new us. The fresh us will look back with 20-20 vision and see why the change is necessary. The new us has the history of the old self as a lesson learned and a purpose for the new self as a goal. We are renewed through trials and tribulation. We become stronger and more resilient with a greater appreciation for the blessing poured upon us. This personalizes the message of come see what the Lord has done for us. We relied on the Lord, who showed us his never-ending love.