

Morning Sermon January 17, 2021

“The Flood” – Genesis 6 – 9

¹² And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.
Genesis 7:12 (NKJV)

I. *The purpose of the flood, God’s judgment of sinful mankind –*

⁷ So the LORD said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” Genesis 6:7 (NKJV)

The purpose of the flood, the destruction of mankind, and his subjects – the animals, from the face of the earth.

The reasons behind this:

1. *Man’s sin, corruption, violence –*

¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. ¹³ And God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Genesis 6:11–13 (NKJV)

2. *God’s justice –*

¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works.
Psalm 145:17 (NKJV)

One of the arguments ungodly people bring against the flood is the death of innocents, referring to babies, small children and animals. However, they do not see with God’s eyes. All are sinners, since Adam we are born sinners, actually conceived sinful!

Someone will ask, “How much sin can a little baby be guilty of?” I would say, “not as much as the same person as an adult!”

¹⁵ Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!
Matthew 10:15

In Matthew 10:15 Jesus indicates there are degrees of punishment in hell. In a wicked day, might it be a mercy of God to cut off a sinner’s life in infancy? What if Adolph Hitler had died in the womb?

3. *A restart –*

⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. Genesis 6:8 (NKJV)

II. *The purpose and power of the Ark, to save some from the wrath of His judgment –*

The restart was the purpose of the ark, to save Noah and his family alive –

¹⁴ Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. ¹⁵ And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶ You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.
Genesis 6:14-16

Notice the detail about the ark:

1. *The material used to build it – “gopherwood” - :14*
2. *The containment of various animals – “rooms” - :14*
3. *The water proof glue that holds it together – “pitch” - :14*
4. *Its length – three hundred cubits - :15*
5. *Its width – fifty cubits - :15*
6. *Its height – thirty cubits - :15*
7. *It has a window and a door - :16*
8. *It has three decks - :16*

Modern boat builders say such dimensions make a perfectly sea-worthy vessel. Descriptions of mythical vessels never contain detail at all, much less such accurate details!

¹⁷ And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸ But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁹ And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they

shall be male and female. ²⁰ Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every *kind* will come to you to keep *them* alive. ²¹ And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them.”

²² Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did. Genesis 6:14–22 (NKJV)

9. *The purpose of the ark is made clear in in verses :17-:21*

A. *God is going to destroy all flesh on earth with a flood - :17*

B. *But He promises, with His covenant, to keep Noah, his family, and two of every animal alive :18-20*

10. *The detail about taking food, verse :21, obviously fits with this purpose!*

11. *Noah’s obedience assures the ark is built right and will fulfil its purpose - :22*

12. *Two of every “kind” of animal would easily fit in an ark this size!*

13. *The ark is a type of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is our only Way of salvation – John 14:6; Acts 4:12. The ark lifted Noah and his family above the floodwaters of God’s wrath –*

The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. Genesis 7:17 B

III. *The process of the flood –*

1. *Continents were once wider, connected, mountains were not so high, but on a particular recorded date, the fountains of the great deep were broken up -*

¹¹ **In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, ... Genesis 7:11 A (NKJV)**

The continents were all once one body called Rodinia (Russian for Motherland) the fountains of the great deep, broke them up, during the flood scientists believe they were broken up and crashed together, more than once. Look at a world map you will see ... jigsaw puzzle!

2. *Rain, rain that would not go away - and the windows of heaven were opened. Genesis 7:11 B (NKJV)*

¹² **And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights. Genesis 7:12 (NKJV)**

¹⁷ **Now the flood was on the earth forty days. Genesis 7:17 B**

3. *The waters reached a specific measure height -*

¹⁹ **And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. ²⁰ The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. Genesis 7:19–20 (NKJV)**

4. *Even after the rain stopped the flood waters continued –*

²⁴ **And the waters prevailed on the earth one hundred and fifty days. Genesis 7:24 (NKJV)**

5. *After one hundred and fifty days, God brought the waters back down –*

8 Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. ² The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. ³ And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. Genesis 8:1–3 (NKJV)

A. *A God provided wind starts the waters subsiding – Genesis 8:1*

B. ² **The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained.**

It is God who does the stopping and restraining ...

C. *The waters receded ... Genesis 8:3 - Like letting water out of a tub, God is in total control!*

IV. *The providence of the flood –*

God is in control of all weather and climate –

³ **The voice of the LORD is over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The LORD is over many waters. ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; The voice of the LORD is full of majesty. ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶ He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire. ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, And strips the forests bare; And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!" ¹⁰ The LORD sat enthroned at the Flood, And the LORD sits as King forever. Psalm 29:3–10 (NKJV)

1. *That God controls the weather is an important thing to know and remember –*

A. *He gives and withholds rain –*

⁴⁵ ... He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. Matthew 5:45 B

B. *He warned He would judge Israel's sin by withholding rain –*²³ And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you shall be iron. ²⁴ The LORD will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed. Deuteronomy 28:23-24

⁷ "I also withheld rain from you, When *there were* still three months to the harvest. I made it rain on one city, I withheld rain from another city. One part was rained upon, And where it did not rain the part withered. Amos 4:7

C. *He controls hurricanes and tornados –*

¹⁹ Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD has gone forth in fury— A violent whirlwind! It will fall violently on the head of the wicked. Jeremiah 23:19

Notice, He, the LORD, not only controls the whirlwind, but uses them to judge the wicked!

3. *Not only does God the Father control the weather but Jesus, His Son, does also -*

—²³ Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. ²⁴ And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. ²⁵ Then His disciples came to *Him* and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" ²⁶ But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then

He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. ²⁷ So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?" Matthew 8:23-27

4. *Ungodly Objection – No pastor, God doesn't control the weather! He does not use it to punish the wicked! That story of Jesus stopping the storm, simply by rebuking it, is pure fiction ...*

They would go on to say, a storm like that was not possible in those days: A. There were no cars, trucks, factories in those days to cause the climate change needed to cause such storms.

B. Even if there was such a storm Jesus could not have calmed it! The only people able to control weather or climate are politicians, and even they cannot do it without all our money, and total control over our lives!

Question? To whom do we ascribe power over weather or climate? To God & Christ or lying politicians?

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His Name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. Psalm 29:1–2 (ESV)

V. *The power of the flood –*

²¹ And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. ²² All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died. ²³ So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained *alive*. Genesis 7:21–23 (NKJV)

1. *All flesh dies: A. :21 "that moved" B. :22 "All in whose nostrils were the breath of life" "all that was on dry land"*

2. *No one can stand against God's wrath –*

¹⁷ For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" Revelation 6:17 (NKJV)

³ If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? Psalm 130:3 (NKJV)

VI. *The persecution of the flood –*

³ knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation.” ⁵ For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶ by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. ⁷ But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 2 Peter 3:3–7 (NKJV)

When we as believers see the Grand Canyon, we should recognize it as being carved out by the Great Flood. When “scoffers” see the Grand Canyon, they say it was carved out by the Colorado River.

*They say, just what Peter predicted they would say - all things continue as **they were** from the beginning of creation.”*

*Today it is even worse, they say - all things continue as **they were** from the beginning (leaving creation and God out)*

This idea, of nothing different, like a great flood, ever happening is called uniformitarianism and it is the staple for many geologists who insist on millions of years! Their argument is a little water over a long time (Uniformitarianism) VS a LOT water over a little time (The Flood).

Arguments in our favor:

1. *Mt. St. Helens – 1980, a volcano, though a small one, caused, with flooding, in a short time, about a year or year and a half, the same kind of layering of sediment which the uniformitarians argued required millions of years!*
2. *Fossils are made quickly, with catastrophic events not over long period of time!*
3. *Fossils of sea creatures on the tops of mountains fit well with –*
¹⁹ And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. ²⁰ The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. Genesis 7:19–20 (NKJV)

4. *Some secular scientists have recognized the problems with uniformitarianism (which was the original reason for millions of years) and argue for FLOODS plural, rather than one Great Flood. While FLOODS would not require millions of years, they still insist on millions of years.*

Of course, today people rarely bother debating science, they would rather just MOCK! Ridicule, is easier than thinking; and millions of years are assumed, why?

“I suppose the reason we leapt at “The Origen of Species” was because the idea of God interfered with our sexual mores.” Julian Huxley

VII. *God’s post-flood provision and promise –*

1. *A death penalty to slow violence, murder -*

⁶ “Whoever sheds man’s blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man. Genesis 9:6 (NKJV)

2. *A shorter life-span, allowing less years for sin -*

³ And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” Genesis 6:3 (NKJV)

3. *Promises about the climate, any future great flood judgment –*
 - A. *No more extreme climate change -*

²² “While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease.” Genesis 8:22 (NKJV)

- B. *Not another great flood -*

¹³ I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. ¹⁴ It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; ¹⁵ and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. Genesis 9:13–15 (NKJV)

4. *Not that there is not any future judgment, just not another flood -*

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 2 Peter 3:10 (NKJV)

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