

The Message of Noah

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I am going to read verses 37 down through verse 39.

We are living in the days of Noah and I want to give you something tonight, the similarities between Noah's day and today. So I want you to follow along in your Bible if you will. Mathew chapter 24 beginning at verse 37.

But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; [Notice these words] so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.¹

Now the last few weeks we had a man in California and he made this statement that the rapture was supposed to take place on the 12th of May and it didn't happen and now he says it is going to take place some time in October, but it is still not going to happen according to him. Now why?

Well verse 35 says these words.

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.²

We don't know when the Lord is coming. We do know that he is coming. And we had better be ready for him at any moment and I hope every one of you here are.

Now Noah left a message for us today to learn from and to profit from the experiences he had in his lifetime. So today we are going to look at the message that Noah left for us at this hour. Our lesson will have the following categories in it. First of all, the similarities between Noah's day and today. I want to give you the opposite first. Then, secondly, the message of Noah and then, thirdly, if we have the time we will show you the mode of rebellion as it has been revealed.

¹ Matthew 24:37-39.

² Matthew 24:35-36.

Now, why do I tell you these things? Because people today don't seem to understand what is going on. Now Noah is a very important person and we find he is mentioned in Ezekiel. He is mentioned in Matthew. He is mentioned in Luke. He is mentioned in Genesis and so on and so forth. And we find the Lord Jesus said, "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."³

All right. Now let's look at Noah's days for just a moment or two. First of all, it was a completely different world than we live in.

Now, you say, "Preacher, what are you talking about?"

Hold your seat now as I give you these truths. Number one, in Noah's day there were no carnivorous animals. All the animals ate grass. Now you look that up in the first chapter of the book of Genesis and you will see it is so. Secondly, in the days of Noah it had never rained. Thirdly, in the days of Noah there were no continents or mountains. There was all one land mass. And, fourthly, in the days of Noah we find there was great preaching, but there was also tremendous things happening that caused individuals to ignore the truth of God.

Now today what are we talking about? Today we have a different world. Today we have mountains. We have continents and we also have floods and so on and so forth. Now in the days of Noah here is the thing. It had never rained before and people did not know what rain was.

Well, down here in the south land, if you are like I am, you are crying for rain because the creation of God in this area needs it desperately. Now these are some of the things of Noah. But then I want you to notice also in the days of Noah here is what happened. They were days of corruption and violence.

Now let me prove that. Take your Bibles, if you will. You keep your finger on Matthew chapter 24. Go with me back to Matthew chapter six for just a moment or two, the book of Matthew chapter six and we will show you the conditions of the days of Noah.

Now when the Lord is speaking of the condition of the days of Noah he is not speaking of the physical condition. He is speaking more of not only the physical condition, but also of the moral condition and we need to understand that. And in the days of Noah, I want you to notice. They were days of corruption and violence.

Look at verse five of chapter six.

And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

³ Matthew 24:37.

And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.⁴

All right. Skip down to verse 11.

The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.⁵

And are you listening? That is happening at this very hour.

You better understand it. We are living in days of corruption and violence. Somebody was talking here last night, I believe it was, or yesterday. What is going on down here in the inner city in Atlanta, all right? Murders and corruption and so on and so forth. Go to Washington and have you ever seen such corruption as you have across America at this hour? The reason? We are living in the days of Noah. And we had better understand it.

And we find, also, the days of Noah were also given over to the lusts of the flesh.

Now you say, “Preacher, what are you talking about?”

Genesis chapter six verses one and two.

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.⁶

Now what do you have here? These were days of what? Polygamy. Now you don't have to be ignorant concerning the days of Noah. All you need to do is go back to your Bible and read Genesis four, five, six and seven and you will have the Bible commentary on the days of Noah.

Now they were days of corruption and violence. They were days given over to the lust of the flesh.

Now what do you have here? All right. The sons of God did what? They took them wives of all which they chose. Are you listening? That is going on today even amongst our so-called Christian people.

You say, “What are you talking about?”

⁴ Genesis 6:5-6.

⁵ Genesis 6:11-12.

⁶ Genesis 6:1-2.

I know a man right now. I have known him for years. And right now as far as I know he is supposed to be a believer, but he is on his seventh or eighth wife, a believer. Now God created man for one purpose, one man, one woman. And I have said it before. I will say it again. When God created man in the Garden of Eden, he created Adam and Eve and not Adam and Steve and don't ever get away from that. And we find that is going on at this present hour. And in our schools today our kids are being taught how to get along with what they call the different lifestyle of Lesbianism and homosexuality or sodomy.

Now why do I tell you this? This world is being given over to lust and violence and I want to say to you very kindly it is going to get worse and worse. It is not getting any better.

Now why do I tell you this? Well, we find very clearly it was not only the days of corruption and violence, but then it was the days of the rejection of the gospel.

Look again, Genesis chapter six and verse three.

And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.⁷

Now what did you have here? Now hold your seat as I give you this truth. Write it down if you haven't ever remembered it or write it down somewhere in your Bible. I want you to remember the term "the sons of God."

Now in the Old Testament the sons of God always refer to angels and fallen angels. In the New Testament the sons of God refer to believers. If you are saved here tonight you are a son of God. I am, too. I am born again and I am a son of the Lord God of heaven and I live in the New Testament. And in the days of Noah these were sons of God. What were they? They were the fallen angels that had left their first estate and what did they do? They left their first estate because angels were never intended to marry the daughters of men and these angels, these fallen angels they were following the leadership of Satan because Satan's design and intent was this. He was going to corrupt the whole human race so that Christ couldn't be born of the woman. And he was very successful. There was only one family that wasn't corrupt and that was the family of Noah.

Now why do I tell you this? Because today we find the same thing is going on. Now the lust of the flesh was prominent in those days. The lust of the flesh is prominent in these days. You get... if you are like me you get so tired of turning on the TV and seeing

⁷ Genesis 6:3-5.

nothing but sex and corruption and everything else. You turn it off and I will tell you right now. That is what we need to do.

Now how come? TV is a wonderful instrument and we find very clearly it can be used of the Lord God of heaven. But Satan and this world's system has gotten control of it and what have they done? It has become a weapon of the devil instead of a weapon of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now I would love to be on TV. I would love to have a great world wide TV program like some of these preachers here, but I never will have it. Number one, it wasn't God's plan and, number two, they wouldn't take this kind of preaching. Now that is what it boils down to and you had better understand it. They wouldn't take your pastor's preaching either. They wouldn't take brother Neil's singing. They turned against it because of the fact that man today is an incorrigible sinner. And we need to understand that and we are living in the days of Noah.

Now, you say, "Preacher, what are you talking about?"

Days of corruption and violence. Secondly, they were days of the rejection of the gospel.

Now you say, "Preacher, what are you talking about?"

All right. Take your Bibles now and turn to 1 Peter chapter three and follow with me. Keep your finger on Matthew 24. We will be coming back to it in a moment or two. But in 1 Peter chapter three and we find in verse 18 through 20 we see very clearly set forth the rejection of the gospel in the days of Noah.

In verse 18 of chapter three 1 Peter.

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.⁸

Now what are you talking about?

Here we find the rejection of the gospel. Hold your seat and pay close attention. There were millions of people on the face of the earth in the days of Noah. You had better understand that because it was an age of the longevity of life. Now we don't have that today as much as we had in the days of Noah.

Noah lived 932 years and he died. All right. Methuselah lived 969 years and he died. Now God kept Methuselah alive 969 years because Methuselah was another indication of

⁸ 1 Peter 3:18-20.

the fact that God was telling the people in Noah's day there was going to come a time of judgment. The name Methuselah means, "When he is dead, it shall be sent."

And listen again. Methuselah died in the 600th year of Noah and it was in the 600th year of Noah that God sent the flood. But we see very clearly for these were days of the rejection of the gospel.

Now you say, "Preacher, what are you talking about?"

All right. Turn to 2 Peter chapter two if you will and I want you to notice, again, something about Noah. And we find Noah preached the gospel, but he faced rejection because in 2 Peter chapter two and verse four:

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.⁹

All right. Now listen carefully. Not only did Noah preach, but so did Enoch. Now Enoch lived in the days of Noah and God took him because Enoch went to heaven without dying.

Taking your Bibles again and turn to the book of Jude and you will see the gospel that Enoch preached. In the book of Jude verse 14 we read these words:

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.¹⁰

And then when Enoch preached that—are you listening—that is a segment of the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

You see, the days of Noah were the days of the rejection of the gospel. Well, the days of today are the days of the rejection of the gospel.

You say, "Preacher, what are you talking about?"

Well, you would think under the ministry of this church that people here this church ought to be packed out. But they are not. You can go to the average church today and you will find out that better than 50 percent of the people stay home on Sunday night. Seventy-five percent of the people never come to prayer meeting if they have one. And

⁹ 2 Peter 2:4.

¹⁰ Jude 14-15.

many of the people today don't even have one and we find people that are talking all the time and we see very clearly, well, we can only have one service. People won't come.

And I am always made to ask this question. You mean, the Lord God of heaven is worth only one hour a week? Something is wrong, is it not? But I will tell you, we are living in the days of Noah.

“And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.”¹¹

The third thing about Noah was this. They were the days of demonic activity. Now I mentioned before and I will say it again. The sons of God in the Old Testament always refer to fallen angels. Now don't take my word for it. Look it up. The sons of God appear five times in the Old Testament and every one of them have to do with the fallen angels. Now you look that up for yourself. But are you listening? These were days of demonic activity.

Now the sons and the daughters, when they got together they produced giants and the Hebrew says Nephilim which means fallen ones. And so we had a production of giants on the days of Noah and we see very clearly it was what? It was days of demonic activity and it is going on at this present hour.

You say, “Preacher what are you talking about?”

Well a Christmas or two ago—and I don't know if they do it yet—Walmart had what they called, big signs, buy a Ouija board. Now you get this. A Ouija board is an instrument used to call up demons.

You say, “How do you know?”

My sister, before she died and went to glory, all right, she had a group of young people and one night they were all together and when they went to bed my sister had gone to bed and somebody in that group, it was a church group now, mind you, somebody in that group had brought a Ouija board. And so they got there in front of that fire place and the fire was coming and they started messing around with that Ouija board and all of the sudden a demon came out of that fire. He scared those girls because that is what they were. He scared those girls so bad that a couple of them fainted. One of them couldn't sleep without sleeping by my sister. And I will tell you right now. The Ouija board today is the instrument used to call up demons and if you have anything like that around there, get rid of it. Burn it. And always remember one thing. The New Testament tells us that behind every idol lurks demons. And people today are being subjected to demon activity and they don't understand it.

Now let me prove that if I may. Take your Bibles again if you will. Turn to Timothy chapter four and listen to what the Word of God says. The book of 1 Timothy chapter four. We read:

¹¹ Luke 17:26.

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith.”¹²

Isn't that going on at this hour? Look again.

“...giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.”¹³

Now what are you talking about? Apostasy. Preachers that at one time preached the truth are preaching an apostasy. We are living in the days of Noah.

Turn again to 2 Peter if you will and look at verse two. And we find very clearly again the Word of God brings this out. The book of 2 Peter chapter two and verse one.

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.¹⁴

What are you talking about, preacher?

We are living in the days of Noah.

“And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.”¹⁵

Now you get this. Not very many people were converted in Noah's day. In fact, there were only eight of them. There is not many people today being converted in our churches today. Oh, there is a lot of religious profession. There is a lot of movement and so on and so forth, but are you listening? That is not the movement of the Spirit of God because the Spirit of God is doing the same thing today that he did in the days of Noah. The Spirit did not strive with man very much in the days of Noah and the Spirit of God is not striving with men today.

Whether you believe it or not, we are living in the remnant of this age. Are you still with me? Are you still listening? I am bringing to you reality. These are facts.

And you may, “I don't believe it.”

That doesn't change it any. They didn't believe it in Noah's day either. But we find it still came to pass because here we find the similarities between Noah's day and today.

¹² 1 Timothy 4:1.

¹³ 1 Timothy 4:1-2.

¹⁴ 2 Peter 2:1-2.

¹⁵ Luke 17:26.

There is a whole lot more, but I don't have time to go into it all at this present hour.

But then I want you to notice one thing. I want you to notice the message of Noah.

Take your Bibles now. Turn to the book of Hebrews or chapter 11 and listen to what it says. Hebrews chapter 11. Here is the message of Noah, verse seven.

“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.”¹⁶

Now what do you have here? Number one, it was a message of warning. Now let me give you this again. In Noah's day there were no mountains. There were no continents. The first time the word “mountains” are mentioned is found in Genesis chapter seven. And I looked up that word in the Hebrew and we find out that the word mountains in those days and in that particular passage meant lower hills like you have around this area. It is also in the New Testament called the hill country.

All right. Today you have huge mountains. They didn't have them in those days because they didn't have any continents.

Now you say, “Well, preacher, can you prove that?”

I can, but I am not going to do it tonight. I will let you prove it. You look it up in your Bible and the key word, if you want it, is the word Peleg. Find the word Peleg and it will tell you when the continents came into existence, because the man's name Peleg when the continents were brought about. The Hebrew word in those days meant land mass. It was in the days of Peleg that the land mass was divided. All right. That took place right after the tower of Babel.

And you say, “Well, I never heard that before.”

Well, then, you learned something tonight. Look it up in your Bible and see it for yourself, because that is exactly what you ought to do.

We find the message of Noah was a message of the warning of the judgment to come.

Now remember, in the days of Noah it had never rained. People did not know what rain was. And here was Noah building an ark on sandy foundation a long ways away from the rivers and he was warning the people and as he built that ark he warned the people. He said, “Get ready to come because the Lord God of heaven is going to send judgment on this earth.”

Well, Noah, what kind of judgment is it going to be? It is going to rain.

¹⁶ Hebrews 11:7.

Well, what did they do? They did the same thing to Noah that they are doing today.

Turn to 2 Peter chapter three and see it for yourself, 2 Peter chapter three and listen to what it says in the days with regard to the days of Noah. In 2 Peter chapter three verse three:

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 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 the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.¹⁷

Are you listening? God is going to baptize this world with fire. And all he has to do is turn the rivers and the lakes and the ocean, all he has to do is separate them because water is composed of H₂O. Take them apart from each other and you have two volatile gases. And all God has to do is separate them and I will tell you right now, this world is going to explode. It is going to.

Well, preacher, you expect me to believe that?

Yes. Why? God said so. Well, I don't believe it. It doesn't change it any.

And we have a warning of that by the atomic bomb. And don't ever get away from that.

We are living in the days of Noah. The days of Noah, we find it was a message with a warning of judgment to come, but it was also a message of what? Of love and grace.

God told Noah, "Noah, build an ark."

Now hold your seat as I give you this truth. In Grand Rapids, Michigan, there are some buildings there called the Holland Home. The first Holland Home that was built was built to the exact dimensions of Noah's ark. And it is still standing. That man that built that, he believed what God said and he built the home there for the aged and he made it the same dimensions as Noah's ark.

If somebody would say, "Has Noah's ark been found?" if it was found, I will tell you right now, there would be fingernail marks on that wood.

Now how come? Because, are you listening? When Noah went into the ark and God sent that judgment, don't you think the people began to knock at the ark's door or knock at the

¹⁷ 2 Peter 3:3-7.

ark and try to get in and they couldn't? And they would claw against that wood and they couldn't get it. And are you listening? In the Holocaust that is exactly what the Jews did when Hitler put them in the oven. They were all concrete, but you could go to the Holocaust and you will find finger marks embedded in that concrete where they clawed because they wanted so desperately to live.

Well, in Noah's day, I will tell you right now. The people clawed for the ark. But nobody could get in. God had shut the door. Noah's message was a message of judgment to come. It was a message of love and grace. God provided the ark and God warned that generation of the wrath to come and God today has provided the Lord Jesus Christ and he is warning of the wrath to come and men and women and boys and girls are absolutely ignoring it because they don't believe it.

It doesn't change it one iota.

And you say, "Preacher, what are you talking about?"

Well, we find very clearly the message was one of love and of grace.

Now hold your seat again. There are three arks in the Bible. Listen to what they are. The ark of Noah was a refuge from the wrath of God. Put it down. All right? The second ark was the ark of Moses and that was a refuge from satanic hatred. And then the third ark we find is the ark of the covenant and we find it is the refuge from the law and the condemnation brought about by the law. And Jesus Christ is the ark of God. And we find the ark of God in Noah's day had three stories. It had one door. The door was in the second story and we find the Lord Jesus Christ is the second person of the trinity. The only door in the ark was the door they had to go through. And every individual had to go through that ark or they would have utterly perished.

Now what are you talking about? A message of love and grace. God provided the ark for those people. God opened them and God warned them, I should say. And the door was open for both the clean and the unclean.

What are you talking about?

Animals went in there. Some were clean. Some were unclean. Now why? Because it is a picture of the various kind of sinners that are saved by the Lord Jesus Christ. Some are clean sinners. They are not as rotten and dirty as some of the others. And we find some of them are saved from the realms of their depths of their gutters and others are saved from the realm of religious. Bu are you listening? All right. The ark was open and we find the people had to go in and we find the Lord Jesus Christ is the ark today of God and the door is open and we find the door is open for the various kind of sinners coming to Lord Jesus Christ.

And I like that word come. C for the children, O for the old people, M for the middle aged, E for everyone that will come. Come to Christ.

All right. Noah preached to these. Listen. He said, "God is going to send judgment on this earth."

They laughed at him. He built that ark. It took him 120 years to do so and we find what happened. All right. The day came when the ark was done.

And God said to Noah, "Noah, go in the ark."

He turned to Noah's sons. He said, "Go in the ark."

He turned to Noah's daughters-in-law. He said, "Go into the ark."

He turned to Noah's wife. He said, "Go into the ark."

Each one of them, listen now, each one of them had to personally enter in through that door into the ark setting forth, again, that every individual has a personal responsibility to do what the Lord Jesus Christ has told us.

And remember. The Lord Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life and no man comes unto the Father but by him.

I am going to ask you a question. Suppose you were to die in the next five minutes. Where would you go? Heaven or hell?

Well, you might say, "Well, preacher, I think I would go to heaven."

That is not good enough. You have a responsibility and that responsibility is what? You personally have to have a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. As those people in Noah's day had to have a personal relationship with that ark. They couldn't stand on the outside and say, "Yeah, I believe it, but I didn't go in. They didn't believe it.

And always remember one thing. What you truly believe, you act on. And don't ever get away from it because the message of Noah was a message of love and grace. The door was open for both the clean and the unclean and then it was a message of responsibility.

Noah couldn't bring those people into the ark. Each one had to come by himself or herself. Noah's family was that way. Each one of them had to come. And I can see the family of Noah. I can see Shem looking back and walking up that ark, probably looking back for the last time, looking out over the world and walking into that ark.

I can see his other children doing the same thing. And then when they were all in, listen now. God shut the door. Nobody could get in. Nobody could get out.

Now why do I tell you this? Because the message of responsibility was placed upon each individual. Those individuals were aware of the ark. And we find the message of Salvation today and the responsibility of it is resting upon every individual.

You here tonight, I have asked you this question. If you were to die within the next five minutes, where would you go? You would either go to heaven or hell depending upon your personal relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Oh, but, preacher, I have been baptized.

That is not good enough.

Oh, preacher, I am a member of the church.

That is not good enough.

Oh, preacher, I live a good life.

That is not good enough.

Oh, preacher, I uttered a prayer.

That is not good enough. Did you enter into the ark? Did you enter into the Lord Jesus Christ by repentance and faith?

Now hold your seat. Listen carefully. Those people that entered into that ark, they knew what they were doing. And are you listening? Once they went in they didn't come back out and then go back in again. And once an individual enters into Christ, that individual is in Christ for eternity. Hallelujah.

All right, look again. Not only was this a message of love and grace, but then I want you to notice something else. It was a message that ended abruptly.

You say, "What in the world are you talking about?"

All right. Take your Bibles now. Go back to Genesis chapter seven. And I want you to notice this if you will. In Genesis chapter seven and verses 15 and 16 you have these words. Listen to it. Listen, if you will.

And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.¹⁸

All right. Now let's go back to that. Go back, if you will, to Genesis chapter seven and look with me at verse three. Listen to what God told Noah.

¹⁸ Genesis 7:15-17.

For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth. And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.¹⁹

Now hold your seat.

Noah and his family were in the ark for seven days and nothing happened. Now you chew and chew on that. God shut them in. Noah disappeared from that generation. They never saw him again. He never saw them again. And are you listening? When the Lord comes after us in this generation this same thing is going to take place. We are going to disappear from this earth. We will never see this earth again like it is at this present hour. We will never see those that are unsaved again until they stand before the great white throne judgment and we will be sitting in judgment upon them.

Now someone might say, "I have never heard anything like that."

Well, read your Bible. It is just as plain as day, because what happened? Are you listening? Noah's message ended abruptly. Once he went in the ark, nothing. Nothing. Seven days later the judgment came, suddenly, positively, absolutely, abruptly and indelibly the fountains of the deep were broken up and I personally believe that the earth was tilted to what it is at this present hour and we find the rain came upon the earth and the fountains of the deep were broken up. The rain came from above and it rained and rained and rained 40 days and 40 nights. And we find the flood waters rose up above and covered all the hills and killed every living thing on that earth.

Are you listening? God is going to do the same thing to this earth. He is going to purify it and make a new earth and then those of us that are saved are going to be with him forever and ever because, are you listening? The ones that were left behind ultimately perished. The ones that are left behind when our Lord comes after us, rest assured of one thing. They are not going to get converted. They are going to be lost because God is going to send them a strong delusion.

Now my time is gone. I want to ask you a question. Are you ready for the coming of the Lord? Are you going to go be with? Are you going to be with the Lord Jesus when he comes?

Well, preacher, I hope so.

That is not good enough.

I want to be.

¹⁹ Genesis 7:4-5.

Fine, then sue for mercy on the basis that Christ died for sinners and you are the sinner. And when you are living here on this earth, all right, you warn people. We are living in the days of Noah. And as I have said before, I am going to tell you again. I gave you facts tonight. These are facts. You can't deny that the days of today are similar to the days of Noah. And how much longer we are going to be here, I don't know. As I have mentioned before, I am 87 years old. I may never see you again on the face of this earth. And as I look upon you tonight I am made to ask myself this question. All right. When I get to glory will I see you there? These beautiful twin girls. I want to see them in glory. I don't know for sure if I will or not, because I don't know their spiritual condition.

All right. The children that are with them, all right. You all... you people here tonight. I am looking upon you maybe for the last time. I want... I am going to glory. I may go before next week. My wife right now is slowly but surely dying. I don't know how much longer she is going to live. I don't know. But I do know this. She is about to go. And are you listening? This old sinner is not in good health like I used to be. But I am going to go, but I am ready to go. And are you listening? I don't know when. I don't want to see you in hell.

Now let me close with this, if I may. The message is still here. The message is the judgment of God will come. The disappearance of God's people will take place. The salvation is available right now for all who repent and believe and we find very clearly, listen now. The only reason the judgment hasn't come yet, the saints of God are still here. When God put Noah in the ark, that ended the day of grace for that world. When God takes away his people, it is going to end the day of grace for this world. It is going to go through a tremendous period of tribulation.

But then we find, last of all, what is it? In Noah's day there was a rebellion revealed. And what was it? It was a rebellion, first of all, against God's provision which was the ark. The rebellion today is against God's provision who is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ.

All right, secondly, we find also, listen carefully now. There was a rebellion against God's person. Noah's faith was an obnoxious faith. I preached on that some time ago. They were glad when Noah quit preaching. All right? Some of the people will be glad when I quit preaching. I don't know, but I have had individuals get mad at me like nobody's business. And [?] is down here in Good Springs, Alabama nine years ago to the same day a man and his wife came in and it was the man's wife, she was the daughter of the man that was responsible for bringing me in contact with the folks in Alabama and eventually with your folks. They are in glory now, her parents are. She was there. Her husband is some kind of a professor of so on and nine years ago when I began to preach to him he got so mad at me that at the close of the service he said, "You were too long winded." And he said, "I don't care to hear what you say."

Now you get this. Nine years ago, I never saw the man again until last Sunday at Good Springs, Alabama. He saw me. I didn't even recognize him until I started preaching. But as he sat there, he sat there and glared at me. If looks could kill, I would have been dead

over and over again. And when the service was ended, I will tell you right now. He stormed out that door. He wouldn't say good bye to anybody. He couldn't wait to get away.

And when it dawned on me I said, "Lord, maybe you have given him one more opportunity to hear the truth."

Now are you listening? Maybe the Lord is giving you one more opportunity to hear the truth. Now what are you going to do about it? Are you going to sit back there like you are?

You say, "Well, I have got plenty of time."

No, you don't. The days of Noah are upon you. And when you are in this category you are rebelling against God's provision. You are rebelling also against God's purpose or, I should say, "God's provision and then you rebel against God's purpose.

Why did God bring you here tonight? Want me to tell you? To listen to exactly what I have been preaching to you. That is his purpose. The Lord God of heaven doesn't want anybody in this room to die and go to hell and you don't have to. But when you sit back and you don't care and you don't understand, all right. You sit back there and you might be hoping that I get over with because you are saying that preacher is getting awful long winded.

All right. You are rebelling against God's purpose. You have a purpose of God. You are going to fulfill that purpose.

And what is it, preacher?

All right. Listen carefully as I close. You are going to get saved to the glory of God's grace. Or you are going to die and go to hell to the glory of God's justice. Either way, you are going to fulfill the purpose of God.

Now what is it going to be? I hope it is the glory of GO din your personal salvation.

Shall we stand?