# God Remembered Noah

Genesis 8

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**The Big Idea**: One of the greatest assurances that we can have as Christians is that God is always with us. He is with us when it feels like He isn't, He is with us in the waiting, and He is with us forever.

Genesis 8:1-5 (NASB)

**8 But God remembered Noah and all the animals and all the livestock that were with him in the ark;**
**and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided. 2 Also the fountains of the deep**
**and the floodgates of the sky were closed, and the rain from the sky was restrained; 3 and the water**
**receded steadily from the earth, and at the end of 150 days the water decreased. 4 Then in the seventh**
**month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat. 5 And the water**
**decreased steadily until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the**
**mountains became visible.**

## God With Us in the Dark

- We must look at the phrase, "God remembered Noah" from two perspectives: God's perspective and Noah's perspective.
- God does not learn as time goes on.
- Time does not exist unless God first creates it.
- Omniscient- God is all-knowing.
- From God's perspective, God's remembrance of Noah means that He is about to act definitively towards Noah.
- The circumstances surrounding Noah may have left him feeling as if God had forgotten him.
- "The whole of my life stood open to His view from the beginning. He foresaw my every fall, my every sin, my every backsliding; yet, nevertheless, fixed His heart upon me. Oh, how the realization of this should bow me in wonder and worship before Him!"- A.W. Pink

## God With Us in the Waiting

1. Noah and his family spent over a year on the ark.
    a. Many commentators say that they spent 378 days on the ark.

2. When you wait, it is God who makes you wait.

3. Acts 1:4- "Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, 'Which,' He said, 'You heard of from me.'"

4. "God had shut him in, and it must be God who brings him out. Till He speaks we must remain, and as soon as He speaks we must remove."- Alexander Maclaren

## God with Us Forever

1. Worship is the first thing that Noah does when he exits the ark.
2. All of the Old Testament sacrifices were just a shadow of the perfect sacrifice that would come through Christ.
3. God's promise to never flood the entire earth does not remove the possibility of localized natural disasters.
4. The natural order of the earth will continue until the day Christ returns.
5. There has been and always will be a remnant chosen by grace (Romans 11:2-5).

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As Noah put forth is hand, and took the dove, and pulled her in to him, into the ark, so Christ will graciously preserve, and help, and welcome, those that fly to Him for rest.

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