**R923\_Rumination for October 2, 2022**

The **T**heme: **Noah Walked with God** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext:***Noah walked with God****.* Gen. 6:9

The **T**hots:

1. **Noah Walked with God.**
2. What does it mean for Noah to ***W****alk with God*: Gen. 6:8, 9
3. His **C**haracter Stood out for God:
4. *Noah found* ***G****race in the eyes of the LORD.* Gen. 6:8
5. *Noah was a just man and perfect in his* ***G****enerations.* Gen. 6:9
6. His **C**onduct Stood out before God*: and Noah walked with God.*
7. **W**ho else **W**alked with God? *And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.* Gen. 5:24

 **W**hat does it mean for God to *take him* (Enoch)?

1. All others in his **E**xisting and following Generations died – Gen. 5:5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 27, 31
2. **E**noch did not die. He was **T**ranslated into Heaven Alive: Heb. 11:5

*Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found,*

*because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.*

1. **E**lijah also did not die. He was **T**ransported into Heaven by a fiery chariot:

*It came to pass, as they still went on…behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire,*

*and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.* II Kgs. 2:11

1. **Noah Worked for God.**
2. God **O**rdered Noah to build an ark according to His instruc**tions**. Gen. 6:13-16
3. ***A****nd God said unto Noah…Make thee an ark…And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of*:
4. ***A****nd thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee*. 6:18
5. ***A****nd of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark…* 6:19
6. Noah **O**beyed God’s every direc**tion**: 6:22

*Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.* 7:5

1. **Noah Witnessed For God. II Pet. 2:5**

[God] *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;*

1. Noah was the ***P****reacher of Righteousness* –
2. He **P**reached against the **P**eople’s **U**nrighteousness: Gen. 6:5
3. *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.*

1. *The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.* Gen. 6:11
2. *As the days of Noe…they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage…* Mt. 24:37-38
3. He **P**ronounced God’s Divine **U**ltimatum: Gen. 6:7
*The LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast*
4. Noah’s **P**atient **P**reaching. Gen. 6:3
5. He was **P**atient: He warned of impending judgment with the Spirit’s help for 120 years:

*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.*

1. He was **P**ersistent: In the end only eight **P**eople (including Noah) responded to his **P**reaching! Gen. 7:7

*Noah* [1] *went in, and his sons* [3], *and his wife* [1], *and his sons' wives* [3] *with him, into the ark*… [= 8]

1. **Noah Waited on God.** When the **F**lood Subsided…
2. Noah Waited on **G**od to **G**ive him instructions to **G**o out of the Ark!
3. He did not go **F**orth out of the ark based on the “**R**eport” of the **R**aven and the Dove. Gen. 8:6-12
4. He **F**inally obeyed when God asked him to. Gen. 8:15-18

*Go* ***F****orth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.*

*Bring* ***F****orth with thee every living thing that is with thee…*

1. *and be* ***F****ruitful, and multiply upon the earth.*

*And Noah went* ***f****orth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:*

1. **Noah Worshipped God**. Gen. 8:20-22
2. Noah’s **S**weet **S**avour **S**acrifice: *Noah builded an altar unto the LORD…* *and offered burnt offerings…*

*And the LORD smelled a sweet savour*

1. The Lord’s **P**erpetual **P**romise – *I will establish My covenant with you…* Gen. 9:11

*neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood;*

*neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.*

*It was by faith that Noah built the ark, When warned by God of things*

*That were yet to pass. Since he had faith, God did spare his life,*

 *And made him an heir of His righteousness.* Susan H. Peterson

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 923**

1. Today there are many theories and opinions regarding the existence of Noah’s ark, its construction, its location, its shape, etc.; how it was constructed, how long did it take, how many people were involved, and many more such questions.

Today a life-size replica of the Ark, named *Encounter*, had been constructed in Williamstown, Kentucky to demonstrate the possibility of such an ark being built in the time of Noah. One can read all about it in:

<https://answersingenesis.org/blogs/ken-ham/2016/03/08/how-did-noah-build-ark/>

<https://answersingenesis.org/noahs-ark/>

<https://answersingenesis.org/creation-vacations/ark-encounter/>

Do you believe and trust in the biblical account of Noah and the Ark as described in Genesis chapters six to nine?

Note that Jesus Himself endorsed the story of Noah and referred to him and the flood as an historical fact that would be the evidence of the coming divine judgment that will befall the people of the earth if they do not repent as the people in Noah’s time – Matt. 24:37-39

*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; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

Do you believe that indeed such judgment will come when Jesus comes again? **REFLECT**.

1. Do you believe that we are living very close to that day?

Compare the conditions prevalent in Noah’s days before God’s judgments fell upon the earth, as described in Genesis 6:5, 11-13 (HCSB) – *When the LORD saw that man’s wickedness was widespread on the earth and that every scheme his mind thought of was nothing but evil all the time…Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with wickedness. God saw how corrupt the earth was, for every creature had corrupted its way on the earth. Then God said to Noah, “I have decided to put an end to every creature, for the earth is filled with wickedness because of them; therefore I am going to destroy them along with the earth.*

And this was confirmed by Jesus Himself in Mt. 24:37-38 – *As the days of Noe…they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage…* Can you apply the above descriptions of the conditions of man in Noah’s time to our present time?

Compare Paul’s description of the corrupt conditions of Man in his time in Rom. 1:24-32 (HCSB): and apply that to our time and generation:

*24 Therefore God delivered them over in the cravings of their hearts to sexual impurity, so that their bodies were degraded among themselves.*

*25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served something created instead of the Creator, who is praised forever. Amen.*

*26 This is why God delivered them over to degrading passions. For even their females exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.*

*27 The males in the same way also left natural relations with females and were inflamed in their lust for one another. Males committed shameless acts with males and received in their own persons the appropriate penalty of their error.*

*28 And because they did not think it worthwhile to acknowledge God, God delivered them over to a worthless mind to do what is morally wrong.*

*29-32 They are filled with all unrighteousness, evil, greed, and wickedness. They are full of envy, murder, quarrels, deceit, and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, arrogant, proud, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, and unmerciful. Although they know full well God’s just sentence—that those who practice such things deserve to die—they not only do them, but even applaud others who practice them.*

Can the above description of Man’s condition be applied to our generation?

If so, is not God’s judgment imminent? **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** *Man’s Corrupt* ***P****ast brought down God’s Judgment;*

*would not his corrupt* ***P****resent do the same?*