**R993 Rumination for Feb. 04, 2024**

The **T**heme:**The “Come” in the Great Invitation.** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *And the Lord said unto Noah, ﻿****Come*** *thou and all thy house into the ark; for ﻿thee have I seen righteous before Me in this generation.* Gen. 7:1

The **T**hots:

Intro. First occurrence of “*Come*” in Gen. 6:13 – *And God said unto Noah, ﻿The end of all flesh is* ***come*** *before Me;*

First occurrence of “*Come*” as an invitation 7:1 – *The Lord said unto Noah,* ***Come*** *thou and all thy house into the ark.*

1. **The Come in the Counsel of God. Gen. 6:13**

*God said unto Noah, ﻿The end of all flesh is* ***come*** *before Me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them ﻿with the earth.*

1. The **D**estruction of all Flesh because of…6:13
2. The Corruption of the **L**ine through **I**nter-marriage. 6:1, 2 cf. Mt. 5:13; 24:37-39

*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.*

1. The Corruption of the **L**iving God through **I**magination (**I**dolatry) 6:5 cf. Rom. **1:21**-23 (18-25)

*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* cf*. when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

1. The Corruption of their **L**ives through **I**niquity – *violence* 6:11-13

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. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.*

1. The **D**emonstration of God’s Grace.
2. In Noah’s Acceptabili**ty** with God – *But* *Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord*. 6:8
3. In Noah’s Intima**cy** with God –

*Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.*  6:9

1. In Noah’s Puri**ty** with God. 7:1

*The Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before Me*

1. He was Saved by *Grace – Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.* 6:8 }cf. Eph.
2. He was Saved through *Faith – By faith Noah…prepared an ark to the saving of his house…* }

 *and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.* Heb. 11:7 } 2:8, 9

1. The **D**esign of God’s Ark - *Make thee an ark*… Gen. 6:14
2. The **A**rk Spoke of **A**tonement and **R**edemption.
3. *Pitch it =* coat it.(Heb. *kaphar* = to cover, only word for “*to make atonement*” in O. T., Lev. 16:17).
4. Pitch *within –* atonement needed inside self*. - blood sprinkled* ***before*** *the mercy seat*. } cf. Lev.
5. Pitch *without* – atonement before God. - *blood sprinkled* ***in front of*** *the mercy seat* }16:14
6. The Ark Speaks of the **R**efuge that is in Christ.
7. He is God’s **S**acrifice in **A**ffection – *He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin;* II Cor. 5:19-**21**
8. He is our **S**ubstitute in **A**tonement – *His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree.* I Pet. 2:24
9. He is our **S**urety for **A** New Birth – *He was manifested to take away our sins.*  I Jn. 3:5; Rom. 8:1
10. The Ark Speaks of the **K**eeping Power that is in Christ,

Kept safe from the Judgment at the **G**reat **W**hite **T**hrone – *And whosoever was not found written in ﻿the book of life ﻿was cast into the lake of fire.* Rev. 20:11-**15**

**B. The “Come” of the Covenant with God.** (1st. occ. of *Covenant*) **Gen. 6:18**

*But with thee will I establish My covenant; and thou shalt* ***come*** *into the ark, thou, and thy sons,*

*and thy wife, and thy sons’ wives with thee.*

**Provisions of the Covenant.**

1. There is **P**reservation from Judgment – “*but*” cf. 6:18 cf. v. 17
2. **C**ompare the “but’s” in Jn. 3:15-17 } Also Eph. 2:3, 4
3. **C**ontrast the “*but’s*” in Jn. 3:18, 36 } Eph. 2:3, 4 “*and*”, “*for*” cf. with “*but*”
4. There is **P**ersonal Enrichment
5. **E**stablishment of a **P**ersonal relationship with the Lord – *with Thee* v. 18 -
6. Pre-**C**ovenant Relationship – “*God*” – He was the **C**reator God. cf. Eph. 2:12, 6:13
7. The **C**ovenant Relationship – “*Lord*” (7:1) – He was the **C**ovenant-Keeping God.
8. **E**njoyment of a **P**rofitable Relationship with the Lord “and”…”and”…”and”, 6:18 cf. 9:1, 7

Noah became the **C**hannel of Blessing

1. It is a **P**erpetual Covenant – it is Established by God – “*will I*” 6:8 cf. II Cor. 1:20-22
2. It is **E**stablished by God the Father.
3. It is **E**xecuted by God the Son.
4. The **E**arnest is God the Spirit.

*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.*

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**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 993**

1. When Jesus was on Earth, He invited various people to **come** to Him for their **B**enefit.

For instance, He revealed His purpose in going to them that they might **come** to Him:

1. To those who were **B**urdened, He invited them to come and find rest in Him. Mt. 11:28

***Come*** *unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

1. To those walking in **D**arkness, He invited them to **come** to Him to walk in the Light…

*I am* ***come*** *a Light into the world, that whosoever believeth on Me should not abide in darkness* (Jn. 12:46)*.* Jesus Himself claimed…*I am the Light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life*. Jn. 8:12

1. To all **C**hildren, Jesus welcomed them; no one should hinder them from coming to Him. Matt 19:14, NIV

*Jesus said, “Let the little children* ***come*** *to Me, and do not hinder them,*

*for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”*

However, very sadly, even with this free invitation from the Lord Himself,

 there would be those who would refuse to come:

*And ye will not* ***come*** *to Me, that ye might have life.*  Jn. 5:40

Even though the Lord promised:

*All that the Father giveth Me shall* ***come*** *to Me;*

*and him that* ***cometh*** *to Me I will in no wise cast out.* Jn. 6:37

*For the Son of man is* ***come*** *to save that which was lost.* Mt. 18:11

Have you come to Him? Why do so many refuse to come? **REFLECT**

1. Finally, to all who **T**hirst for the **W**ater of Life, let the **W**oman of Samaria who met Jesus at the **W**ell testify: Jn. 4:7-15, ff

*7 ﻿There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.”*

 *8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.*

 *9 Therefore the Samaritan woman ﻿said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me*

 *for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)*

 *10 Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”*

 *11 She ﻿said to Him, “﻿Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water?*

 *12 “You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?”*

 *13 Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again;*

***14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”***

 *15 ﻿The woman ﻿said to Him, “﻿Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor* ***come*** *all*

 *the way here to draw.”*

 *28 So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and ﻿said to the men,*

 *29* *“****Come****, see a Man who told me all the things that I have done;*

 *this is not the Christ, is it?”*

 *39 From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all the things that I have done.”*

 *40 So when the Samaritans* ***came*** *to Jesus they were asking Him to stay with them;*

*and He stayed there two days.*

If you have not tasted of the Water of Life would you accept the Woman’s invitation to come to Jesus and accept His offer? If you have already done so, would you not be as the Samaritan Woman go and tell others, “***Come****, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?*” **REFLECT**.

**Points To Ponder:** One things Jesus tells us to do until He **comes** *– For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ﻿ye do shew the Lord’s death ﻿****till He come*.** I Cor. 11:26