

# Genesis - Lesson 08

Genesis Chapter 8

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Memory verses for this week: *Psa 131:2 Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child. Psa 131:3 Let Israel hope in the LORD from henceforth and for ever.*

**Introduction:** We continue our study on the book of Genesis this week as we get into Chapter 8 in regards to the waters receding after more than 7 months from the time the rain first began in Noah's day.

## I. Noah Remains in the Ark

*Gen 8:1 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;*

*Gen 8:2 The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;*

*Gen 8:3 And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.*

God remembered Noah it says in verse 1. Thank the Lord that a child of God has the promise that God will never forget us nor forsake us. Jesus said in the book of John that when we know him as Lord and Savior, we have eternal life and are totally secure.

*Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:*

*Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*

*Joh 10:29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.*

*Heb 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

*Heb 13:6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*

God remembered Noah when He commanded him to build the ark. We can be totally confident that God watches over His own. God remembered Noah after the judgment had fallen, and the waters had prevailed. And after this, God remembered Noah and made a wind to pass over the earth. Nature is in the power of God, and He holds and controls the wind.

*Luk 8:22 Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.*

*Luk 8:23 But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy.*

*Luk 8:24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.*

*Luk 8:25 And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.*

And after all the flood and the year passed since Noah and his family entered the ark, God remembered Noah and the fountains of the deep were stopped.

The people of today are willingly ignorant of God's impending judgment, just as they were in the days of Noah.

*2Pe 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,*

*2Pe 3:4 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 the creation.*

*2Pe 3:5 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:*

*2Pe 3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:*

*2Pe 3:7 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.*

God did not spare the old world and He will not spare the present world. We can rejoice that He knows how to deliver the godly, and that He knows how to reserve the unjust for judgment.

*2Pe 2:4 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;*

*2Pe 2:5 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;*

*2Pe 2:6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrhah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;*

*2Pe 2:7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:*

*2Pe 2:8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)*

*2Pe 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:*

## **II. The Ark Rested Upon The Mountains**

*Gen 8:4 And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the*

*month, upon the mountains of Ararat.*

After the wrath of God was wrought, then came a period of rest. In the plan of salvation, God's wrath fell upon Christ and now, in Him we can rest. There is a rest that God gives the child of God.

*Isa 11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.*

**Heb 4:1** *Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.*

*Heb 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.*

*Heb 4:3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.*

*Heb 4:4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.*

*Heb 4:5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.*

There was a specific time when Noah found his rest. The rest occurred on the 7th month. Seven stands for completion and rest. The 14th day stands for death. This was the day the Passover lamb was slain, after being kept up 4 days.

Christ was slain on the 14th day, which was the time of the Passover. As promised in scripture, He was resurrected on the 17th day.

*1Co 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;*

*1Co 15:4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:*

God's wrath flowed over Calvary, and we are safe in Him, as Noah was in the ark.

*1Pe 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:*

*1Pe 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:*

*1Pe 2:23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:*

*1Pe 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

*1Pe 2:25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.*

Adam Clarke in his commentary had an interesting comment about the winds God sent as mentioned in verse 1.

**And God made a wind to pass over the earth** - Such a wind as produced a strong and sudden evaporation. The effects of these winds, which are frequent in the east, are truly astonishing. With such an electrified wind as this, how soon could God dry the whole of the earth's surface! An operation something similar to the conversion of water into its two constituent airs, oxygen and hydrogen, by means of the galvanic fluid, as these airs themselves may be reconverted into water by means of the electric spark.

And probably this was the agent that restored to the atmosphere the quantity of water which it had contributed to this vast inundation. The other portion of waters, which had proceeded from the breaking up of the fountains of the great deep, would of course subside more slowly, as openings were made for them to run off from the higher lands, and form seas. By the first cause, the hot wind, the waters were assuaged, and the atmosphere having its due proportion of vapours restored, the quantity below must be greatly lessened. By the second, the earth was gradually dried, the waters, as they found passage, lessening by degrees till the seas and gulfs were formed, and the earth completely drained. This appears to be what is intended in the third and fifth verses by the waters decreasing continually, or, according to the margin, they were in going and decreasing.

### III. The Raven And The Dove Sent

*Gen 8:5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.*

*Gen 8:6 And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:*

*Gen 8:7 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.*

In order to determine if the waters had receded, Noah set the raven sent forth according to verse 7. The raven is an unclean bird.

*Lev 11:11 They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcases in abomination.*

*Lev 11:12 Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that shall be an abomination unto you.*

*Lev 11:13 And these are they which ye shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray,*

*Lev 11:14 And the vulture, and the kite after his kind;*

*Lev 11:15 Every raven after his kind;*

*Lev 11:16 And the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kind,*

*Lev 11:17 And the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl,*

*Lev 11:18 And the swan, and the pelican, and the gier eagle,*

*Lev 11:19 And the stork, the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.*

*Lev 11:20 All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination unto you.*

*Deu 14:8 And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it is*

*unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcase.  
Deu 14:9 These ye shall eat of all that are in the waters: all that have fins and scales shall ye eat:*

*Deu 14:10 And whatsoever hath not fins and scales ye may not eat; it is unclean unto you.*

*Deu 14:11 Of all clean birds ye shall eat.*

*Deu 14:12 But these are they of which ye shall not eat: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray,*

*Deu 14:13 And the glede, and the kite, and the vulture after his kind,*

*Deu 14:14 And every raven after his kind,*

The raven is black, which is typical of Satan, sin and wickedness. The raven could rest on any dead carcass.

*Gen 8:8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;*

*Gen 8:9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.*

*Gen 8:10 And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;*

*Gen 8:11 And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.*

*Gen 8:12 And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.*

Verse 8 says that Noah sent forth a dove. The dove is white and is a type of the Holy Spirit. When Christ came to be baptized by John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit came down upon Him in the form of a dove.

*Mat 3:14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?*

*Mat 3:15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.*

*Mat 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:*

*Mat 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

After a second attempt, the dove returns to Noah with an olive leaf. The olive branch is the universal symbol for peace.

*Gen 8:13 And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.*

*Gen 8:14 And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was*

*the earth dried.*

After the dove returned with the olive leaf, Noah took back the covering over the ark and looked out. He saw the evidence of God's judgment. All living animals and all mankind had been destroyed. But beyond the judgement, Noah saw the possibilities.

Matthew Henry pointed out that Noah had knowledge of when the flood would come, but no knowledge of when the waters would recede. Noah had to have faith and wait on God, and we too must have faith to wait on the Lord.

We have here an account of the spies which Noah sent forth to bring him intelligence from abroad, a raven and a dove. Observe here,

I. That though God had told Noah particularly when the flood would come, even to a day (Gen 7:4), yet he did not give him a particular account by revelation at what times, and by what steps, it should *go away*, 1. Because the knowledge of the former was necessary to his preparing the ark, and settling himself in it; but the knowledge of the latter would serve only to gratify his curiosity, and the concealing of it from him would be the needful exercise of his faith and patience. And, 2. He could not foresee the flood, but by revelation; but he might, by ordinary means, discover the decrease of it, and therefore God was pleased to leave him to the use of them.

II. That though Noah by faith expected his enlargement, and by patience waited for it, yet he was inquisitive concerning it, as one that thought it long to be thus confined. Note, Desires of release out of trouble, earnest expectations of it, and enquiries concerning its advances towards us, will very well consist with the sincerity of faith and patience. *He that believes does not make haste* to run before God, but he does make haste to go forth to meet him, Isa 28:16.

*Isa 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.*

#### **IV. Noah Removed from the Ark**

*Gen 8:15 And God spake unto Noah, saying,*

*Gen 8:16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.*

*Gen 8:17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.*

*Gen 8:18 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:*

*Gen 8:19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.*

God commands Noah and his family to go forth from the ark. When they entered the ark, this was a type of our entering Christ in salvation. All that entered, made an exit. All had security in the ark. That is how it is with us in Christ. The going out suggests

new life, a type of the new life in Christ. They were saved to serve, to be fruitful and to multiply. So are we.

**Joh 15:1** *I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.*

*Joh 15:2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.*

*Joh 15:3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.*

*Joh 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.*

*Joh 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

*Joh 15:6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.*

*Joh 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

*Joh 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*

*Joh 15:9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.*

*Joh 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.*

*Joh 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.*

*Joh 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.*

*Joh 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

*Joh 15:14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.*

*Joh 15:15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.*

*Joh 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.*

## **V. The Altar And The Promise**

*Gen 8:20 And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.*

*Gen 8:21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.*

*Gen 8:22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.*

Verse 20 is the first record of man building an altar to the Lord. He built the altar and made his offerings. Noah's sacrifice proclaimed that he was a sinner saved by grace. This sacrifice pointed to the death of Christ and Noah knew what it meant. Noah's sacrifice was a sweet savor to God.

*Heb 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.*

*Heb 13:16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.*

All of the blood sacrifices in the old testament never took away one sin, but they pointed forward in time to the one sacrifice that God would accept.

**Heb 10:1** *For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.*

*Heb 10:2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.*

*Heb 10:3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.*

*Heb 10:4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*

*Heb 10:5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:*

*Heb 10:6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.*

*Heb 10:7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.*

*Heb 10:8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;*

*Heb 10:9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.*

*Heb 10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

In verse 21, we see the promise of God. Never again would man be destroyed in like manner by a flood. From then until now, the sun has risen on the just and the unjust. God has been working, calling out His people, establishing His Church, and doing his will. God is waiting while the message of the cross is being preached. The seasons shall remain verse 22 promises.

(This verse refutes the old saying that in the latter times you will not be able to tell one season from another.)

### STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Where did the ark come to rest as the waters receded?

*Gen 8:4 And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.*

2. What two birds did Noah send forth from the ark, and what is the significance or lesson from this?



The raven and the dove. The raven, being black signified an unclean animal like the darkness of Satan. It found nothing and brought back no promise. The dove was white and pure, and depicted the Holy Spirit. It came back with an olive leaf, and symbol of peace. Satan promises much and never delivers anything but heartache and fear. God promises and fulfills every promise.

3. What did Noah do first after coming out of the ark? What was the significance of that act?

He created the first altar and made an offering to God. This symbolized his understanding of salvation and how Christ would come to pay for man's sins and provide salvation. All in the ark were saved from the wrath of the flood, and all in Christ are safe from the penalty of sin. Christ bore our sins on calvary, and all who know Him as Lord and Savior are free.

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*Prov 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.*

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