

The Days of Noah - 1/31/21

TEXT- Mat 24:32-42 . . . 37 *But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.* 38 *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,* 39 *And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

INTRO- Our text comes after the great occurs. It appears there was no thought of God **“THE DAYS OF NOAH AND THE DAYS OF NOW”**

The lessons of history are important, particularly that we might learn from the mistakes of the past. What is it; in particular, about until it was too late. Some of the events that occurred in Noah’s day are recorded in both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. In the Old Testament these events are recorded in the book of Genesis. Regarding this and other Old Testament scriptures we read in, Romans 15:4 *“Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning”*.

God has recorded these things that we might learn from them.

God wants us to learn *about* them that we might learn *from* them.

Our main scripture text in (Matthew 24:37-39) brings before us the primary reason God wants us to be familiar with “The Days of Noah”.

We read in these verses, *“But as the days of Noah 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 Noah 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”*.

The condition of man and the activities of God, in the past, are in the process of being repeated.

Consider these “two days”, “The Days of Noah” and “The Days of Now”.

We want to notice the similarities between the past and the present in the following five different ways:

1. THE PRACTICE OF MANKIND. (Genesis 6:5b, 11, 12b)
2. THE PERCEPTION OF GOD. (Genesis 6:5, 11, 12)
3. THE PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD. (Genesis 6:6, 7, 13, 17)
4. THE PROVISION OF GOD. (Genesis 6:14, 18)
5. THE PLEA OF GOD. (Genesis 7:1)

I. THE PRACTICE OF MANKIND.

The Days of Noah - Genesis 6:5b, 11, 12b *“Every imagination of the thoughts of his (man’s) heart was only evil continually”*. (Hebrew word for “imagination” = not only the imagination but also the purposes and desires).

Gen 6:11 *The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.*

Matthew 24:38 *“They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage”*. In other words they were busy with the common ordinary affairs of life.

- They had no time for God, no thoughts of God.
- They refused to believe the gospel message preached by Noah.
- They were outside the place of safety from God’s coming judgment.
- They were *unconvinced, unpardoned, unconverted and unsaved*.

All their purposes and desires, before a holy and righteous God, were evil in nature. Violence was wide spread in the earth.

The Days of Now – The lifestyle in Noah’s day was remarkably similar to that which is found on the earth today. Just as in Noah’s day, man today is busy with life, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, buying and selling, and so on.

The problem is, man is too busy for God.

Man is ignoring God’s warning of impending judgment and will not accept God’s offer of a free salvation declared in the gospel message.

Also, we need only to read or hear the daily news reports, regarding conditions in the world, to realize that corruption and violence fill the earth today more than ever before.

Time has not changed or improved the sinful condition of man.

Man is an ungodly sinner. God’s portrait of mankind is found in,

Romans 3:9-23 *“Jews and Gentiles, they are all under sin”*.

“There is none righteous, no not one”.

“There is none that understandeth,

there is none that seeketh after God”.

“There is none that doeth good, no, not one”.

“There is no fear of God before their eyes”.

“All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”. “

“All the world is guilty (subject to judgment) before God”.

The guilt of sin applies to ALL mankind. Man is a sinner by nature.

Because man has a sinful nature within, sinful practices soon manifest themselves without. Though all may not have sinned alike, or to the same degree, yet all alike have sinned in some degree.

The first step in salvation and receiving forgiveness of sins is

“repentance”. “Repentance” is a change of mind with regard to sins.

Acts 17:30 *“God now commandeth all men everywhere to repent”*.

Luke 13:3 *“Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish”*.

The **SECOND** thing we want to notice concerning

“The Days of Noah” and “The Days of Now” is;

II. THE PERCEPTION OF GOD.

The Days of Noah – We read in, Genesis 6:5, 11, 12 “*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*”. “*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*”.

Nothing was hidden from the eyes of God. God saw it all. He saw all the sin, all the corruption and all the violence that filled the earth.

The Days of Now – Neither is there anything hidden from the eyes of God in our day. The Word of God tells us in various scriptures that all things are naked and open before God. We read in, 2 Chronicles 16:9 “*The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth*”. Psalm 33:13, 14 “*The Lord looketh from heaven; He beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of His habitation He looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth*”. Proverbs 15:3 “*The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good*”. Job 34:21 “*His eyes are upon the ways of man, and He seeth all his goings*”. Psalm 14:2, 3 “*The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men*”
Here is the Divine Perception. “*To see if there was any that did understand, and seek God*”.

Here is the Divine Purpose. “*They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one, they call not upon the Lord*”.

Here is the Divine Declaration. Consider that all your words and ways are known to God. They are all recorded in His books in heaven.

Revelation 20:12 at the “Great White Throne” judgment, “*The books were opened; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works*”.

If YOU do not get saved, your degree of judgment and punishment in the “lake of fire” will be determined by the life you have lived here on earth.

Your life, your words and your ways are all recorded in God’s books

The THIRD thing we want to notice concerning “The Days of Noah” and “The Days of Now” is;

III. THE PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD.

The Days of Noah – Genesis 6:6, 7, 13, 17 “*It repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart*”. “*And the LORD SAID, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth*”. “*And GOD SAID unto Noah, the end of all flesh is before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth*”. “*And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die*”.

Because of the condition of mankind, because of all the sin, violence and corruption, God pronounced judgment upon mankind.

**But, God’s words of warning were little heeded by the people at that time. Their unbelief however, did not alter the fact that, “the flood came, and took them all away” Matthew 24:39. The judgment upon the people in Noah’s day came at a specific point in time. It came in God’s own appointed time. Genesis 7:11 “*In the six hundredeth year on Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened*”
Peter tells us, 2 Peter 3:6 “*The world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished*”. Only Noah and the seven members of his family survived the judgment of God. They did so by simply believing God and obeying His instruction.**

The Days of Now –The “Pronouncement of God” is the same in our day. **God has issued a warning in His Word. Because of sin, He has pronounced judgment upon this world. We read in, Acts 17:30, 31 “*God now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead*”.**

God commands and demands repentance because judgment is coming. God has appointed a specific time, known only to Him, when His judgment will break forth. God has appointed the day.

And, God has appointed the judge, - Jesus Christ.

John 5:22 “*The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son*”. 2 Thess 1:7, 8 “*The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, AND THAT OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST*”. “*the flood came and took them all away*”.

Judgment delayed is not judgment postponed.

2 Peter 2:9 “*The Lord knoweth how to ...reserve the unjust unto the Day of Judgment to be punished*”.

The FOURTH thing we want to notice concerning “The Days of Noah” and “The Days of Now” is;

IV. THE PROVISION OF GOD.

The Days of Noah – We read that God said in, Genesis 6:14, 18 “*Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch*”. “*Thou (Noah and his family) shalt come into the ark, thou and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons’ wives with thee*”.
God’s provision and the place of shelter from the storm of God’s wrath was the ark.

The Days of Now – In spite of man’s wickedness today, God continues to offer a way of escape from coming judgment. The ark is a type or symbol of the Lord Jesus Christ. The provision of God for salvation today is His beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. **John 3:16** “*God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life*”.

1 John 4:14 “*The Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world*”.

1 Timothy 1:15 “*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners*”.

V. THE PLEA OF GOD.

The Days of Noah – **Genesis 7:1, 5, 7** “*And the Lord said unto Noah, COME thou and all thy house INTO THE ARK*”.

God’s Plea to Noah and his family was to come into the ark.

“*And Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded him*”.

“*And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and the son’s wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood*”.

IT WAS NECESSARY TO TAKE SHELTER IN THE ARK IN ORDER TO BE SAVED FROM THE FLOOD OF GOD’S JUDGMENT.

Concerning the others who were too busy for God and did not heed God’s warning, it says, Matthew 24:38, 39 “*The day that Noah entered into the ark, (they) knew not until the flood came, and took them all away;; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be*”.

The Days of Now – The Divine pattern for the salvation of any sinner is illustrated by the events in Noah’s day.

FIRST, they believed God when He warned of judgment coming.

NEXT, they obeyed God’s instruction which came in the form of an invitation. **Genesis 7:1** “*COME thou and all thy house into the ark*”.

God’s instruction to YOU comes in the same form today.

Matthew 11:28 “*COME unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*”.

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