

***COME
INTO THE
ARK***

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1 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.

2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.

3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

Genesis 7:1-7 - continued

5 And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

6 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

Introduction

A. God calls people to himself

B. God's invitations in the Bible are calls of love

Mark 10:21

Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

C. The first invitation in the Bible

I. An Invitation To Survive The Flood

A. The wickedness of Noah's time (6:5)

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

B. The judgment that follows wickedness (6:7)

Numbers 14:18

The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

I. An Invitation To Survive The Flood

C. The grace that Noah found in the eyes of the Lord (6:8)

James 4:6

But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

II. An Invitation To Take A Step Of Faith

A. Noah is invited to come into the ark (7:1)

Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

B. Noah's salvation was by grace through faith

John 3:36

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

III. An Invitation To Noah's Whole Family

A. God said, "and all thy house."

B. God wants entire families to be saved

Acts 16:30-31

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Psalms 119:90

Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

III. An Invitation To Noah's Whole Family

C. Our most important task is to lead our families to Christ

Proverbs 11:Come Into The Ark30

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

**How will we respond to this
invitation?**