



The Best is yet to Come



Now we should already know that God isn't going to just wipe out the entire planet without a plan. God is not a liar, of that we can be absolutely certain. I knew a kid once who told me he had jumped all the way over his house from the backyard to the front and smacked his head so hard on the sidewalk that that's why the sidewalk had cracks in it.

THAT kid was a liar.

And you and I remember that the Devil lied to Adam and Eve so that both sin and death entered the world and have been running amok for the last fifteen hundred years in our story.

He is the father of lies.

But, God. God had never told a lie in his entire existence. He only speaks the truth, because HE IS TRUTH. Everything he says and does is true and right.

Now, why am I telling you this? Well, we remember that God told Satan, "One day this woman, Eve, will have a descendant who will come, and though you will strike his heel, he will crush your head." We know that God promised a Savior would come, a champion, a redeemer who would ultimately overthrow the Devil, his army, all his wicked plans, and sin and death as well.

And at this point in our story, he hasn't come yet. So while all of creation stands on the precipice of a great cliff about to fall over to certain doom and destruction, we know that there must be a plan of God to save. After all, when death entered creation, God made a way for Adam and Eve to be rescued. God made a covering for them. God came to the rescue because he is full of mercy and love. So we know that even though the sand is falling through the hourglass and the 120 years are coming to a close, God MUST have a plan.

And so he did. There was one man on the earth who walked faithfully with God. His name was Noah, and God spoke to him. The Bible tells us "God said," and so he must have, but was it through a vision while Noah was in the field, or a restless dream that he woke from in a sweat, or did God walk with him on a Tuesday to the market? I'm not sure. I think that's when I was getting a refill on my tea. But how God "said" what he said to Noah is less important than **WHAT** he said. I'll summarize it here.

"Noah, everyone is wicked, but I see that you want to serve me. You alone seek to honor and glorify me. I want you to take your three sons, your wife, and your sons' wives, build a massive boat in your backyard, fill it with two of every type of animal on the earth, and then the eight of you get inside. After you've done all that, I am going to send a flood on the earth and destroy all those wicked people who don't serve or honor me, but I will make a covenant with you and save you and your family."

So, Noah, being warned by God of a judgment still very far off, believed God. How wonderful is that? He **BELIEVED GOD**.

We call believing God "**FAITH**." Noah had faith. He believed a judgment was coming and that God had a plan to ensure Noah and his family would be saved. And because he believed, God called him righteous. (Faith still works that way)

Noah and his sons got to work. Death was on its way, and there was a lot to do.

Don't worry.

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