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Tabernacle Truth Series - Day 4

We want to open with the discussion of bringing you up to a new level and a deeper understanding of the mysteries of the Bible. This will allow you to see the Life of Jesus in the Gospels much more richly. It will also bring a greater light of understanding as to what God is doing and has already done in your New Life as a New Creature in Christ Jesus.

To do that, we must take the time to teach and illustrate the deeper things that we had as the Milk of the Word, which is just reading the word of God from the Bible. Now, as students and disciples of Christ, we must go on to know the Lord in a much richer way. That will require more studying and reading that when we were babes and children in the Lord. We must now be ready and prepared to launch into the much deeper waters of revelations, which requires more detailed illustrations and patterns. This is what College courses are all about, and that is to expand our knowledge into the mysteries of Christ and His Kingdom. Every secret that comes from God is based upon His Love for you, for when we discuss the mysteries of God in essence, we are truly saying the Mystery of His Love for God is Love.

Luke 8:10 And he said, Unto you, it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

1Cor. 4:1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

So, if I understand all mysteries and do not understand that its God's love that causes me to understand it, I am nothing. 1Cor. 13:2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

Noah and the Boat: Eight Souls: When we begin to unfold the patterns of Noah's Ark, which is indeed a boat, we find that several of the different aspects such as its size and dimensions are very similar to the Tabernacle itself. And the number of peoples that are involved are also interesting to the same numbers of the Tabernacle and The Feast.

Looking at the Scriptures, we see Gen. 6:8, But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. 9. These are the generations of Noah. And Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. This statement describes Enoch, who is Noah's great-great-grandson.

Gen. 6:10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. We see this as the three levels of Ministry, the Holy of Holies, the Holy Place, and the Outer Court. Allow me to explain further and much deeper. The first one that's named is Noah, who is a Just Man, meaning a man of Faith, for the Just shall live by Faith. He is "Perfect!" meaning he abides in a special place, the Holy of Holies.

Then the two sons Shem and Japheth, who covered Noah and the other son, accused Noah, his father of some form of folly. The two sons represent the Ministry of the Holy Place and the Two Witnesses. Notice when your read Gen. 9:23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. This is similar to when Aaron's two sons assisted their father the High Priest in covering Aaron with his priestly attire, especially the Ephod that had the Two Shoulder Pieces. The third son Ham was a representation of the Outer Court Ministry, who condemns misbehavior? For the Law is a ministration of condemnation. 2Cor. 3:9 For if the ministration of condemnation!

The size of the Boat is then measured: Gen 6:14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. I want to bring to your attention that the Hebrew word Ark used in Noah's account for the Ark of the Covenant. Yet, the description is identical as far as to the covering of the inside and out of the Ark of the Covenant when told to overlay the box inside and out with gold. Ex. 25:11 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about.

Let's look at the Tabernacle in Ex. 26:18. It was 20 cubits long and 10 cubits wide and 10 cubits high. The Tabernacle sat inside the Outer Court described in Ex. 27, that was 100 cubits long and 50 cubits wide. This information tells us that the Outer Court was as wide as the Boat. The height of the Boat was the same as Solomon's Temple, and the house Solomon built for himself had similar measurements.

Here are the measurements of the Boat that Noah's sons built. Gen. 6:15 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark (Boat) shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

1 King 6:2 And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits.

1 King 7:2 He also built the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was a hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits.

Lastly is the three levels or decks Noah's ark (Boat) had. Gen. 6:16 A window shalt thou make to the ark (Boat), and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark (Boat) shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it. The same as if it were the Floating Tabernacle.

As Noah's Ark-Boat was God's salvation plan before the Flood and the Law. So also is the Tabernacle during the dispensation of the Law. When Jesus comes, He is the fulfillment of both Noah in our Water Baptism. 1Peter 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

And Jesus fulfilled the Tabernacle Patterns becoming the true Tabernacle made without hands.

Heb. 8:2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true Tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

Heb. 9:11 But Christ being come an High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building.

We now turn our attention to the number Eight. Eight Souls were saved by Water. 1Pet. 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark (Boat)was a preparing, wherein few, that is, Eight Souls were saved by water (Being Born of Water-Water Baptism).

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be Born of Water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit.

Rom. 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? (The waters of Noah!)

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Now, look at the similarities in the Patterns of the Old Testament to the New Testament.

Gen 6:7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

8 But Noah (The New Man) found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Rom. 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the Body of Sin (The Sin Nature) might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Rom. 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10 And if Christ be in you, the body (Sinful Body) is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness (Noah was a Righteous Man).

Going even deeper is the number Eight is the number of New Beginnings. Seven days and the Eight-day is the new beginning. It is the number of the New Man and New Creation. Even as God began anew with Noah and his family, Eight Souls, so also when we believe the doctrinal message in all these patterns, we have illustrated you come out of the Water Baptism as Born of Water, to begin a new Sinless life in Christ.

To go into much deeper waters, we must first understand the basic requirements that constitute a Feast of the Lord. Notice in the scriptures how many times the Lord repeats Himself. Repetition is the mother of teaching that establishes Patterns.

Lev. 23:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the Feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be Holy Convocations, even these are My Feasts.

3 Six days shall work be done: but the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of rest, an Holy Convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the Sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

4 These are the Feasts of the LORD, even Holy Convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

Lastly, Eight is the number of days the First and Second Feasts are One day for Passover and seven days for Unleavened Bread, a total Eight Days. Now at the end of the Seven Feasts is the Feast of Tabernacles and the Eighth Day Feast. Seven days for the Feast of Tabernacles and one day for the Eighth Day Feasts.

Lev. 23:34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD.

35 On the first day shall be an Holy Convocation: ye shall do no servile work (Sabbath)therein.

36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be a Holy Convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a Solemn Assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein.

Neh. 8:18 Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the Law of God. And they kept the Feast Seven Days; and on the Eighth Day was a Solemn Assembly (A Feast Day a Holy Convocation), according unto the manner.

John 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

Just a side note, notice what page we ended the section on Noah.