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Reading: Genesis ch 6 v 5-22
Genesis ch 7 v 1-7, 11-13, 17-24
Genesis ch 8 v 1-5, 13-18

We all have a picture of Noah's ark in our minds - A large boat with animals peeping out the windows but in reality the ark was very different. The dimensions were 450 ft by 75 ft by 45 ft and was 1,400,000 cubic feet. The account of Noah allows us an insight into the character of God.

God has never changed his character throughout time from the beginning of creation to the present day.

There are lessons to be learned about the character of God from Noah's story in Genesis . This is a serious event with great consequences.

There are four aspects of Gods character:

1. God who is holy
2. God of love
3. God who keeps his promises
4. God who cares for his creatures

God who is holy

Psalm 145:17
Habakkuk 1:13

God is holy in all His works; He is offended by sin; He cannot look upon sin because He is so holy.

God looked down in Noah's day and saw the wickedness of man. It grieved Him in his heart.

The conditions in the days of Noah were similar to the conditions of today.

God is holy and He will punish sin. He chose to punish sin in the day of Noah and has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness (Acts 17:30).

God is completely just - A righteous judge. This is described in Revelation 20:11, where a great white throne and the judgment of God is described. God will judge mankind individually. God knows all that we do, say and think. God's standard is absolute perfection: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

God of love

John 4:10, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us"

God decided to make a way of escape during the flood by way of the ark. Noah found grace in the eyes of God. God has also made a way of escape for us.

God is a God of great patience - He gave time to prepare the ark and tell people of what was to happen. God allows things to continue because of His love.

2 Peter 3:9 teaches us that “The Lord is not slack concerning His promises”.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life”.

The Lord Jesus was put on the cross at Calvary.

Our way of escape is that God sent His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

He was our substitute. If you don't know the Lord Jesus as your saviour then don't put it off. We must trust the Lord Jesus to have our sins forgiven.

How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation (Hebrews 2:3).

God who keeps his promises

It took years for Noah to build the ark but God kept His promise and sent the rain. This was a catastrophic event for the earth.

God promises to judge but also to save. He promises to save those who believe in His son

When God promises to judge He will judge.

When God promises to save you He will - Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

God who cares for His creatures

Genesis 8:1

God remembered Noah after the flood.

Do you feel that God has forgotten about you?

God never forgets His people

God remembers everyone and all that we go through

“Let not your heart be troubled” (Ref)

John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you