

Devotional Thoughts

Genesis 8:1

“Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.”

The last time Noah heard the voice of God he was instructed to enter the ark and shut the doors. Since that time 47 days have passed. These were days of difficulty, unrest, fear and anxiety as Noah and His family stepped out into the unknown. In a time when Noah needed the voice of God more than ever, it seemed that heaven had gone silent. What a blessing it is to read that **“God remembered Noah...”**

Perhaps it would be of value to consider what it means that God remembered Noah.

First it does not mean that God had forgotten him. Often in the midst of our darkest trials we get the feeling that God has forgotten us. We have ventured out in faith only to look around and it seems that He has left us all alone. We must keep in mind that God had His eyes upon Noah at every moment. The Psalmist wrote;

Psalms 121:4

**“Behold, He who keeps Israel
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.”**

And Jesus declared;

Luke 12:7

“But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.”

Secondly, as we read Noah's story it is also quite clear that while God seemed to go silent, He remained in complete control of the circumstances. It was God who caused the rain, stopped the rain, and caused the eaters to reside.

In the midst of our darkest days we are no more alone than Noah was; God is carefully watching our every step as well as controlling the circumstances around us. In those times of darkness it is critical that like Noah we keep clinging to the promises of God as we await His deliverance.

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