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Do you believe it's DECEMBER 1st??? This will be a crazy busy month. I hope and pray in the midst of all the "noise" you and I will be able to take those sweet quiet moments to remember the reason we celebrate this month... the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. And if you haven't already registered, I'd love to help start the celebration with you this Saturday for our Women's Christmas event, The Beginning. If you haven't already registered, here's the link... <https://summitpoint.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2817005>

*Merry Blessings,
Jonna*

Hebrews 11:7, Psalm 1

The story of Noah is a real story... with a real God... who has real authority... who metes out justice and lavishes mercy. What set Noah apart from all the people who were blotted out in his day? Noah walked with God through faith.

Hebrews 11:7 ~

"By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith."

When God told Noah to build the ark, the very big basket carried on the water, Noah believed God. He didn't need to see it to believe it. He trusted that if God said it, it would be. Noah trusted God's authority, and he trusted His power. And he proved his faith through his reverent obedience.

By the obedience of faith, Noah condemned the world. How did he condemn the world? Simply by choosing his loyalty to God and not to man. He reverently built the ark. And through his obedience of faith, Noah saved his family and became an heir of righteousness... the righteousness that comes by faith. Hebrews 14:23 says that "anything that does not come by faith is sin." Noah was blameless and righteous before God because he lived by faith.

Noah is a great example of the righteous man in Psalm 1...

Psalm 1 ~

Vs. 1-2 ~ "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night."

Noah was blessed because he didn't walk with the men who stood against God. He walked with God. He didn't take his stand with sinners. He took his stand with God. He didn't sit with those who mocked what he was doing. He sat in the presence of God. Instead of delighting in his own thoughts and feelings, Noah delighted in the word of God.

I'm sure while he was building the ark, lots of thoughts were running through his mind... lots of people laughing at him... It is impossible to fight against those thoughts and words in our own strength. To hear all those voices without having let them have attention in the mind, a person has to replace those thoughts with something else. Noah replaced the thoughts with the word of God. He meditated on God's word 24/7. That is the only way to overcome the wrong thoughts and feelings. Replace feelings with faith. Replace thoughts with truth. Speak the truth to the thoughts... Don't rehearse thoughts rather than the truth.

Vs. 3 ~ "He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."

Noah was like a tree planted by streams of water. No matter what storm came... even a flood covering the entire earth... Noah would not move from his position, and God blessed him for his obedience of faith. In all that he did to build the ark, he prospered. Was it because Noah was so awesome? No. It was because he trusted in the Lord who IS so awesome.

Vs. 4 ~ "The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away."

My husband and I were talking about God's attributes, and we talked about how God's authority is spoken of throughout the pages of scripture, and yet it's often ignored by people. We as people often want to talk about His love and forgiveness and kindness. But truly, what would His forgiveness mean if He didn't have ultimate authority? If there was someone greater than Him who refused forgiveness to me, God's forgiveness would be nice, but it couldn't save me from wrath. God has ultimate authority over all creation, whether in heaven or on earth.

Those who stand against God want to ignore His authority. But His authority still stands, and they will face the consequences of their actions. They may think He doesn't see or that they can do anything they want, but they will be removed just as the wind blows away the chaff.

This was absolutely seen in Noah's lifetime. It was the wind and the waves and the rain that took away the wicked like the chaff... but Noah and his family were brought safely through

water.

Vs. 5-6 ~ "Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish."

Just as in the days of Noah when the wicked faced the judgment of God, so anyone who stands against God will be able to stand in His presence when His judgment comes. There is no higher authority than God. He is not weak. He is patient. But just as there was a day of reckoning for the people in Noah's day, there will be a day of reckoning for all mankind.

The Lord knows all and sees all. He has all authority to bring judgment and mercy. He knows the way of the righteous because He leads the righteous on His paths of steadfast love and faithfulness. No one is righteous apart from God. Righteousness is a gift through Jesus... a gift received by faith.

The way of the wicked will perish... just as they did in the days of Noah.

I can see the example of Noah clearly in this passage. Noah was blessed because he walked with the Lord, he stood with the Lord, and He sits in the presence of the Lord. God blessed him by protecting him as He promised. The same hope is true for me.

O Lord, I pray that You'll help me so that I will never be distracted or deceived by the counsel of those who stand against You. I pray that I will not listen to their plausible wisdom. Help me to stay true to You. You are the highest authority. I will bow to you in the obedience of faith.