

SERIES TITLE: HIGH WATER MARK

PART ONE: GOD REMEMBERS

TEXT: GENESIS 7:6-8:5

INTRODUCTION.

Noah, the ark, and the world-wide flood is one of the most familiar accounts in the Bible. Almost every culture has a similar story. Believing that the flood occurred, and happened the way the Bible describes, is not the only response God intends for us. There is much to learn about who God is and how he operates in our lives.

DISCUSSION.

If your house was about to be washed away, what three things would you quickly grab?

EXAMINATION.

6:11-13 Given the unmitigated violence, pervasive corruption and peer pressure surrounding Noah, what might he be thinking when God tells him to build the ark?

6:22-7:5 How is Noah different from the rest of his generation?

7:6-10 What must it have been like to enter the ark and wait seven days before rain?

7:17-24 Why is the totality of destruction so detailed, and why would God wipe out animals as well as people?

Study the following chart, and see how 8:1 is the main point of the flood story.

- 1. God resolves to destroy (6:11-13)**
- 2. Noah builds ark (6:14-22)**
- 3. God commands them into ark (7:1-9)**
- 4. Flood begins (7:10-16)**
- 5. Flood prevails 150 days (7:17-24)**
- 6. God remembers Noah (8:1)**
- 7. Flood recedes 150 days (8:1-5)**
- 8. Earth dries (8:6-14)**
- 9. God commands them to leave ark (8:15-19)**
- 10. Noah builds altar (8:20)**
- 11. God resolves not to destroy (8:21-22)**

8:1-5 Look at other times when “God remembered,” Gen 19:29; Gen 30:22; Ex 2:23-24.
Based on these examples, define what God remembering means.

How much total time did Noah and his family spend inside the ark?

APPLICATION.

- What can we learn from Noah about how to live for God when we are surrounded by people who reject him?
- Even though God does not judge the evil of the human race here and now, how should the promise of future justice impact our view of the world? (2 Peter 3:9-12)
- How has God “remembered” us if we still have to go through the storm?
- How have you experienced God “remembering” you at a difficult time?
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?