



SERMON CHEAT SHEET

FINDING GRACE IN THE FLOOD | GENESIS 7-8

Main Theme: God offers a secure shelter of grace and a covenant of mercy amidst the storms of righteous judgment.

An Invitation to Presence

We often treat the flood as a cheerful children's story. We must see it as a majestic account of global judgment. Right in the center of this devastating event, God offers a tender picture of grace. When God tells Noah to enter the ark, the Hebrew word implies movement toward the speaker. God is already inside the ark welcoming His friend into a shelter He inhabits.

The Atoning Covering

The true shelter of the ark is the presence of God. Every inch of the wood was soaked in pitch to waterproof the vessel. The Hebrew root word for this pitch means atonement. This substance absorbed the force of the storm to protect the passengers. Our preservation rests entirely on the preserving grace of God who secures and seals the only door.

Surgical-Level Trust

Waiting in the dark parts of life feels isolating. When the Bible says God remembered Noah, it describes an active movement to deliver him exactly as promised. God uses the wind to push back the chaotic waters so His people can walk into a new beginning. Noah demonstrates immense trust by remaining in the ark until God explicitly commands him to leave.

The Cost of Worship

Stepping onto the devastated earth makes survival look urgent. Noah immediately builds an altar and sacrifices the valuable seed stock of a new civilization. He decides the worship of God holds more worth than the survival of his family. Jesus Christ eventually steps into the gap as our final perfect sacrifice to bring the wrath of God to a permanent rest.

LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK

- Examine your life for areas of self-reliance and choose to walk through the single opening of Christ's rescue.
- Hold still and trust God's timing while using ordinary means like prayer and community during seasons of waiting.
- Bring your best resources to God first by prioritizing worship over building your own security.

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Ask God for the courage to surrender personal attempts at managing rescue and security.
- Pray for patience and restraint to stay still and trust God's active work during difficult seasons of waiting.
- Express gratitude for the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ that permanently satisfied God's righteous wrath.
- Seek a heart that prioritizes costly worship over personal comfort and physical survival.