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In Genesis, along with learning to walk in love & obedience, we also learn the importance of walking, not by sight, but by faith, 2 Corinthians 5:7, just as Noah did 1650 years after Adam & Eve, when He witnessed firsthand, just what God's sadness & anger can do, as He was preparing for a disastrous end, to a disobedient sinful world.

In Genesis 6, God told Noah that due to his faith & obedience, that he & his family would be saved, but the rest of the sin filled world was going to know His wrath & would perish, if they didn't turn to God in the 50+ years that Noah was building the ark & was surely telling a curious population why, but none chose to change, or believe.

When Noah was warned by God, of the things to come, "the great flood", he warned the people, so that no one would be caught by surprise, but they went on with their faithless lives & sinful living, while Noah, in complete faith, spent 50-100 years building a 525'x87'x52' boat, as commanded by God, to save his family & the earths animal life & in essence humanity, which would be rebuilt through his families Faith in God (Noah is from the line of Adams son, Seth & in line of Christs genealogy), as Noah condemned the sins of the world & became an heir of righteousness, through faith alone, Hebrews 11:7.

Now those who think Noah was rescued, without tribulation, should rethink all that he was asked to do, by God. Noah did find grace in the eyes of the Lord, Genesis 6:8, which along with faith, is what spared his life & kept Him from the wrath that was going to be going on below & around the ark, during the flood, as tribulation he surely had.

He spent a great deal of time building an ark, while at the least, being mocked by the people around him, for a flood that others didn't believe would come, as before this time it is believed that it had never rained.

He worked & lived & was most likely mocked, while knowing that this coming flood would kill everyone & everything he had ever known, or seen. Then he had to ride out the flood, knowing that everyone he had ever known, outside the ark, was dying underneath & around him & that he would be in charge of restarting humanity & cleaning up a drowned earth & I believe that could constitute tribulation, even though protected from the wrath going on outside.

Noah's story demonstrates judgment & salvation, as God is a God of truth & righteous judgment & must punish sin, but He is also a God who has provided a way of escape, from His wrath against sinners. He did this for Noah with the Ark & with the blood of Jesus Christ for us, which is our only means of escape.

The Flood is a horrifying account of judgment, as well as of a glorifying redemption, of which our end time will also bring on us, Redemption, or Judgement. So, either we can trust in Jesus & be redeemed, or we'll face the wrath of God, as unredeemed sinners. Noah became righteous due to his willingness to believe all that God had promised. Noah & all heirs of righteousness are heirs by virtue; having been made one with Christ; The Sole Heir, Galatians 3:29.

Faith takes us into Christ, who is the heir of all things, Hebrews 1:2 & we can inherit all things including righteousness, by being united with Christ, or we can throw it all away & accept His wrath on us.

All our genealogies go back to Noah, who was a descendant of Adam's son Seth & Noah along with his wife, their 3 sons Shem, Ham & Japheth & their wives would bring about the new nations, that would eventually repopulate the earth.

Jesus warns that His 2nd coming will be like the days of Noah, society will degenerate, being as evil as it was in Noah's days, Matt. 24:37. In those

days they were eating, drinking etc., until the day Noah entered the ark & they did not understand, until the flood came & took them all away; so will the 2nd coming of Christ be, Matt. 24:37-39. People will be living for pleasure, unaware of truth, due to ignorance & disbelief, but will understand once it's too late.

Pay heed to Mathew 24:39, where Jesus said, those who were not in the ark were "taken away", Noah's family was left, everyone else was "taken" e.g. died physically & more importantly, spiritually, separated from God, taken from His protection, due to disobedience.

The flood "took them away", just as the "flood of lies", of today, is going to cause many to die in their sins & be taken away from God's salvation. Jesus said, there will be two in the field; 1 will be taken & 1 will be left, 2 will be at the mill; 1 will be taken & 1 left, Matt 24:40. Jesus uses the illustration of being taken & left, as those who are taken, are those who are separated from God & die in sin, as it is not God's children that are taken, but the unsaved sinners.

God's children, sleeping & alive, will be those who are left, remaining on earth with new glorified bodies & will usher Christ onto earth for the millennial reign, prior to the new Heaven, Earth & Christ's perfect bride, the New Jerusalem, as seen in Rev. 21:9-10.

Lord, I thank you for allowing me the wisdom to walk in faith, knowing that you are always with me & always in control, even when I am spinning out of control, battling the floods of doubt, sin, helplessness & weakness, which is where in all your Holiness that you always step in & rescue me from myself & give me love, rest, faith & hope. Lord, I pray that you use me to guide more lost souls to you, that they too may be engulfed in seeking your eternal hope, before becoming lost in the sea of destruction, that is imprisoning the worldly seeking blinded minds, which

pretend not to understand the implications of free will, or the godless wrath, that they are trading your eternal love for.