

## Go forth of the ark

### Waiting on God does not mean doing nothing

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**Genesis 8:19** Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, *and* whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

If we do not study God's judgment along with the rest of God's Word do we really know God? What most know about the Flood is forty days and forty nights of rain and the ark's purpose of preserving the human race. It did rain for forty days and forty nights, but the flood lasted much longer than this and Noah and his family were on the ark longer than that. Do you know why?

Did you know the flood consisted of much more than rain? In fact, rain for forty days and forty nights could not produce enough water for a worldwide Flood - and most evolutionists know that.

The Flood does teach God's preservation of the human race, although the account of the flood is about much more than survival. If survival was all the Flood teaches, why did Noah ever get off the ark? Why didn't he stay in the arc of safety? Why is there more to the Bible than the Flood account and the Gospels? The Flood of Noah's time is actually a complete microcosm of God's purpose throughout the entire Bible and its teaching is much more important than most realize. It is all about **God's pleasure**.

Sadly, many professing Christians today will parallel the flood story with not much more than a book of promises. This is a big, big mistake. I am not coming against celebrating God's promises, but if that is all the Bible that is known, when times get tough, many will not be able to stand. [Matthew 13:1-23](#) How many messages do you hear with promises like this about entering the Kingdom? [Acts 14:1-22](#)

Today, we will explore the Bible for the purpose in the Flood account. We find that God's purpose is to enable mankind to regain man's lost purpose – lost because of man's sin. God does this with only one righteous man left on earth. God's purpose will be fulfilled. First a few types we have already observed:

So far, the arc as Types of Christ that we have observed	
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The ark had three stories – Picture of the Trinity	Three in One God ( <a href="#">I John 5:7-11</a> )
The ark had only one door (Would this pass fire code?)	Jesus is the Door ( <a href="#">John 10:9</a> )

Now, let's investigate chapter seven for further types:

### I. Noah was obedient to God, every Word, so was Christ – [Philippians 2:6-11](#)

**Genesis 7:1** And the LORD said unto Noah, **Come thou** and all thy house into the ark; **for thee have I seen righteous** before me in this generation.

God has more instructions for Noah. The ark was built, but as always, God is not just teaching Noah for that moment, but all through eternity. God's plan not only includes Noah and family, but the animals also. Why? Animals were not food then! Noah must be obedient to all God's purpose:

**Genesis 7:2** Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that *are* not clean by two, the male and his female.

**Genesis 7:3** Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

Noah must take clean beasts by 7, unclean beasts by 2, and birds by 7, the male and his female. Why? God's purpose? It is more than "To keep seed alive on the earth." More about this in chapter 8, as Noah departs from the ark, and God's purpose is fulfilled by His righteous people today, and throughout eternity. Since there is no instruction about clean and unclean animals, looks like Noah knew which was which when 7 of each or 2 of each appeared, sent by God to the ark. (**Genesis 7:15-16**)

In verse 4, God is going to use a Word He has only used once before:

**Genesis 7:4** For yet seven days, and I will cause it to **rain** upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

It appears that it has not rained on earth before this. God talks about watering the earth by a mist:

**Genesis 2:5** And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to **rain** upon the earth, and *there was* not a man to till the ground.

**Genesis 2:6** But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

If this was indeed the first rain, imagine when they heard the first thunder or saw the flash of lightning from the ark? Now, in verse 5, God tells us that Noah did what was necessary to please God:

**Genesis 7:5** And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

**Genesis 7:6** And Noah *was* six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

**Genesis 7:7** And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

**Genesis 7:8** Of clean beasts, and of beasts that *are* not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,

**Genesis 7:9** There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

**Genesis 7:10** And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

**Genesis 7:11** In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were **all the fountains of the great deep broken up**, and the **windows of heaven were opened**.

**Genesis 7:12** And **the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights**.

**Genesis 7:13** In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

**Genesis 7:14** They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.

**Genesis 7:15** And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life.

**Genesis 7:16** And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

**Genesis 7:17** And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and **bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth**.

**Genesis 7:18** And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

**Genesis 7:19** And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that *were* under the whole heaven, were covered.

**Genesis 7:20** Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

**Genesis 7:21** And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:

**Genesis 7:22** All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry *land*, died.

**Genesis 7:23** And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark.

**Genesis 7:24** And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

**Now, we must reiterate what happened to cause this flood:**

- 1.) Noah's age 500 years when Shem, Ham, and Japheth were born
- 2.) Noah's age 600 years when the flood waters were upon the earth – 17<sup>th</sup> day of 2<sup>nd</sup> month
- 3.) The flood waters came from 3 sources:
  - a.) **The fountains of the great deep were broken up**
  - b.) **Windows of heaven were opened**
  - c.) **And the rain was on the earth 40 days and forty nights (Trial for the ark)**
- 4.) All the high hills under heaven were covered with water
- 5.) The ark was lifted up above the earth 15 cubits up, 15 cubits below – (Clear all mountains)
- 6.) All flesh died that was upon the earth.
- 7.) Only those in the ark were left alive
- 6.) The waters prevailed upon the earth 150 days (5 Months)

## **II. Four Main Characteristics of the Flood in this chapter**

### **A. The Flood's Historical Reality – History with many details**

1. God wants 7 pair clean and 2 pair unclean animals after their kind
2. Noah 600 years old, 7<sup>th</sup> month, 17<sup>th</sup> day of the month
3. Waters prevailed 150 days

### **B. The Flood's Global reach**

1. Waters prevailed 150 days – no local flood
2. Earth "*erets*" same as in Creation – Not the ground on which they stand, but the **globe**

### **C. The Flood's destructive power – The Flood's destruction compared to the earth's destruction**

#### **1. The old earth perished – It is gone**

**II Peter 3:1** This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

**II Peter 3:2** That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

**II Peter 3:3** Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

**II Peter 3:4** And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.

**II Peter 3:5** For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

**II Peter 3:6** Whereby **the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:**

This is much more than the here and now

**The heavens and the earth that are now are reserved against the day of judgment**

**II Peter 3:7** But the heavens and the earth, which are now, **by the same word** are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

## 2. Time is no problem to God, but timing is everything

**II Peter 3:8** But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

**II Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

**II Peter 3:10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

## 3. This knowledge teaches us how we should walk – And Beware lest you fall

**II Peter 3:11** Seeing then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness,

**II Peter 3:12** Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

**II Peter 3:13** Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

**II Peter 3:14** Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

**II Peter 3:15** And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

**II Peter 3:16** As also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as *they do* also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

**II Peter 3:17** Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

**II Peter 3:18** But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.

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The ark was constructed out of wood ( <a href="#">Genesis 6:14</a> )	So was Jesus' cross ( <a href="#">I Peter 2:24</a> ) ( <a href="#">Isaiah 53:2</a> )
The ark went through 40 days of testing with the rain, waters from above, waters below ( <a href="#">Genesis 7.12</a> )	So did Jesus ( <a href="#">Matthew 4:1</a> )
The ark had to be felled and nailed into place ( <a href="#">Genesis 6.14</a> )	So did Jesus ( <a href="#">Numbers 21:8</a> ; <a href="#">John 12.32-33</a> )
The ark rested on the mountains of Ararat on the 17 <sup>th</sup> day of the 7 <sup>th</sup> month ( <a href="#">Genesis 8:4</a> )	So Jesus walked out of the tomb on 17 <sup>th</sup> of Nissan, 3 days after Passover, Opportunity Given us to enter into His rest ( <a href="#">John 19:14-15</a> ; <a href="#">31-34</a> ; <a href="#">I Corinthians 5:7-8</a> )
The ark was complete safety - <a href="#">Genesis 7:1</a>	discipleship was safe when Jesus was aboard. ( <a href="#">Luke 8:22-25</a> )

### Flood and the Second Advent

<b>Matthew 24:37</b> But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.	
<b>Matthew 24:38</b> For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,	
<b>Matthew 24:39</b> And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.	
Flood	Second Advent
1.) There was a time of Great Tribulation – <a href="#">Hebrews 11:7</a>	1.) There was a time of Great Tribulation – <a href="#">Hebrews 11:27</a>
2.) Cataclysmic Changes in the earth – <a href="#">Genesis 8:1:1-14</a>	2.) Cataclysmic Changes in the earth – <a href="#">Revelation 6</a>
3.) Enoch translated before the Flood – <a href="#">Genesis 5:19-24</a> ; <a href="#">Hebrews 11:5</a>	3.) Church “caught up” before the Tribulation <a href="#">I Thessalonians 4:13-18</a> ; <a href="#">II Thessalonians 2:1-10</a>
4.) Noah and his family saved miraculously during the Flood – <a href="#">Genesis 5:7-11</a>	4.) Jewish Remnant saved miraculously out of the Tribulation – <a href="#">Revelation 12</a>
5.) Noah and family delivered to a renewed earth	5.) Remnant delivered to the Kingdom

### III. What had happened to the world? Why did God send severe judgment to so many?

A. We have to go back to Creation – God did not create the world that way

B. And “God Saw” at creation - First mention is in the fourth verse and it is God that “Saw”

[Genesis 1:4](#) And God **saw** the light, that *it was good*: and God divided the light from the darkness.

[Genesis 1:10](#) And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God **saw** that *it was good*.

[Genesis 1:12](#) And the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God **saw** that *it was good*.

[Genesis 1:18](#) And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God **saw** that *it was good*.

[Genesis 1:21](#) And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God **saw** that *it was good*.

[Genesis 1:25](#) And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God **saw** that *it was good*.

[Genesis 1:31](#) And God **saw** every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was very good*. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

C. What happened to God’s Creation Between chapter 1 to 6? – By chapter six we read:

[Genesis 6:5](#) And **GOD saw** that the **wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

[Genesis 6:6](#) And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

[Genesis 6:7](#) And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

D. Man had lost his purpose – To what purpose was man created? – We have to go to Revelation

[Revelation 4:10](#) The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

[Revelation 4:11](#) Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: **for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**

### IV. There is much more to the flood than just types – God could trust Noah after the water asswaged

A. A Brand New Earth – on the 17<sup>th</sup> of the first month – Just as resurrection enabled in type

1. God Remembered Noah – Teaches us how to live by type

[Genesis 8:1](#) And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that *was* with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;

**2. Three Stage Water Event Stopped**

**Genesis 8:2** The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;

**Genesis 8:3** And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

**3. The ark rested Three Days after Passover -**

**Genesis 8:4** And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

**Genesis 8:5** And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

**4. Noah uses the scientific method as he waits for God – Waiting on God is not idleness**

**Genesis 8:6** And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:

**Noah sent forth a raven**

**Genesis 8:7** And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

**Noah also sent forth a dove**

**Genesis 8:8** Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;

**Genesis 8:9** But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.

**7 days later Noah sent forth the dove again**

**Genesis 8:10** And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; The dove returned in the evening with an olive branch

**Genesis 8:11** And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth *was* an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

**Noah waits still another 7 days!**

**Genesis 8:12** And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

**Genesis 8:13** And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

**Genesis 8:14** And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

<b>God could trust Noah after Noah had found grace in the eyes of the LORD</b>	
<b>Teaching of the Raven &amp; Dove – Old man &amp; the New – <a href="#">Ephesians 4:12-16</a> – Not tossed to and fro</b>	
<b>New Man – typified by the dove</b>	<b>Old man - typified by the raven</b>
Signifies righteousness – Noah ( <a href="#">Genesis 7:1</a> )	Signifies death – goes to and fro – <a href="#">1 Peter 5:8</a>
Dove is a clean animal only nests in a clean place	Impatiently devours the death of the old world
Patiently waits for the new world to come	No concern for the new world
<a href="#">Ephesians 4:23-29</a>	<a href="#">Ephesians 4:17-22</a>
Noah used his God given wisdom and knowledge before he made a decision	

**Noah waited 2 months after the water asswaged before he got off. For what was Noah waiting?**

**The Command comes to Noah – God confirms Noah’s wisdom by His Word**

**Genesis 8:15** And God spake unto Noah, saying,

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**Genesis 8:17** **Bring forth** with thee every living thing that *is* with thee, of all flesh, *both* of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and **be fruitful**, and multiply upon the earth.

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### Examples in the Bible

#### A. Philip told to “Go toward” – Philip “arose and went” – Ethiopia received the Gospel

**Acts 8:26** And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

**Acts 8:27** And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

#### B. Ananias told to “Arise and go” – “went”- [Acts 9:11-21](#) – Saul of Tarsus became Apostle Paul

### The command comes to us:

#### Go Forth – Bring Forth (God’s commandments) [John 20:20-22](#)

**Matthew 28:19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

**Matthew 28:20** **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo, I am with you *always*, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

### Be Fruitful

**John 15:5** I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

**John 15:6** If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

**John 15:7** If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

**John 15:8** **Herein is my Father glorified**, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

#### V. Why did God insist on 7 clean animals and 2 unclean? – God could trust Noah after the Flood

**Genesis 8:20** And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

#### A. Noah fulfilled his God given purpose – Man recovers his purpose, sacrifices, and God accepts it

**Genesis 8:21** And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; ...

**Can we see it is for God’s pleasure that man has recovered his lost purpose – In John 15, the man does not bear fruit for himself to eat. No, it is God who looks down on the acceptable sacrifice and exclaims: That does smell good. It is for God’s pleasure**

#### B. The LORD will accept our reasonable sacrifice

**Romans 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**

**Romans 12:2** And be not conformed to this world: **but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,** that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

### How do we present our bodies a living sacrifice?

**Romans 12:3** For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of *himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

**Romans 12:4** For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

**Romans 12:5** So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

**Romans 12:6** Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith;

**Romans 12:7** Or ministry, *let us wait on our* ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

**Romans 12:8** Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, *let him do it* with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

**Romans 12:9** *Let* love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

**Romans 12:10** *Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

**Romans 12:11** Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

**Romans 12:12** Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

**Romans 12:13** Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

**Romans 12:14** Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

**Romans 12:15** Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

**Romans 12:16** *Be* of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

**Romans 12:17** Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

**Romans 12:18** If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

**Romans 12:19** Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

**Romans 12:20** Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

**Romans 12:21** Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

**C. But this is Romans 12 – Before chapter 12, we are instructed how we should live:**

1. No one, Jew or Greek, has an excuse because God teaches through creation
2. Justification Romans 3-4
3. Sanctification – Romans 5-8:5
4. Hope and Glorification – Rest of chapter 8
5. Proper relationship of the Jew and Gentile – Romans 9-11
6. Now we realize our purpose we sacrifice unto God our reasonable service

**VI. We do not glorify God with part of God's Word (Repentance only) – We are dull of hearing**

**After teaching that Jesus is are example in becoming High Priest:**

**Hebrews 5:8** Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

**Hebrews 5:9** And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

**Hebrews 5:10** Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

**Hebrews 5:11** Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

**The dull of hearing uses milk – A teacher that needs teaching**

**Hebrews 5:12** For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

**Hebrews 5:13** For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

**Hebrews 5:14** But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use **have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**

**Leave the principles of the doctrine of Christ?**

**Hebrews 6:1** Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; **not** laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,



**Hebrews 6:2** Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

**Hebrews 6:3** And this will we do, if God permit.

#### God accepts and rejects

**Hebrews 6:4** For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

**Hebrews 6:5** And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

**Hebrews 6:6** If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame.

**Hebrews 6:7** For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:

**Hebrews 6:8** But that which beareth thorns and briers *is* rejected, and *is* nigh unto cursing; whose end *is* to be burned.

**Hebrews 6:9** But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

#### How do we receive the promise?

**Hebrews 6:10** For God *is* not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

**Hebrews 6:11** And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

**Hebrews 6:12** That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

#### We have a cloud of witnesses from the Flood of Noah

**Hebrews 11:5** By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

**Hebrews 11:6** But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

**Hebrews 11:7** By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

#### We must lay aside every weight and sin

**Hebrews 12:1** Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

#### Look unto the author and finisher of our faith

**Hebrews 12:2** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Hebrews 12:3** For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

**Hebrews 12:4** Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

#### Accept God's correction with endurance

**Hebrews 12:5** And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

**Hebrews 12:6** For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

**Hebrews 12:7** If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

**Hebrews 12:8** But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

**Hebrews 12:9** Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

**Hebrews 12:10** For they verily for a few days chastened *us* after their own pleasure; but he for *our* profit, that *we* might be partakers of his holiness.

**Hebrews 12:11** Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

**Walk – Make straight paths for your feet**

**Hebrews 12:12** Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

**Hebrews 12:13** And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

**Hebrews 12:14** Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

**Look diligently lest you fall**

**Hebrews 12:15** Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled;

**Esau found no repentance**

**Hebrews 12:16** Lest there *be* any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

**Hebrews 12:17** For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

**Many Israelites did not endure God's Word**

**Hebrews 12:18** For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

**Hebrews 12:19** And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which *voice* they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:

**Hebrews 12:20** (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:

Even Moses feared at God's glory – Why? [Deuteronomy 9:16-20](#))

**Hebrews 12:21** And so terrible was the sight, *that* Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:) But we can come to the city of the living God

**Hebrews 12:22** But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

**Hebrews 12:23** To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

**Hebrews 12:24** And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

**Do not refuse Him that speaketh - Christ**

**Hebrews 12:25** See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall not* we *escape*, if we turn away from him that *speaketh* from heaven:

**The Kingdom that will not be moved**

**Hebrews 12:26** Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

**Hebrews 12:27** And this *word*, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

**Hebrews 12:28** Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

**Hebrews 12:29** For our God *is* a consuming fire.

**How do we get there?**

**Hebrews 10:20** By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

**Hebrews 10:21** And *having* an high priest over the house of God;

**Hebrews 10:22** Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

**Hebrews 10:23** Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)

**Hebrews 10:24** And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

**Liberal's twist God's Word with "You can't buy salvation with your works"**

**Don't they know that all are judged by their works?**

**God created man with a purpose**

**For God's pleasure**

**Teach all of God's Word**