

— Genesis 8.1-19 —
Genesis Series 25
God Remembers Noah

Gen 8 ¹ Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. ² The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. ³ And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. ⁴ Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the 17th day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵ And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen. ⁶ So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. ⁷ Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth. ⁸ He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground. ⁹ But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself. ¹⁰ And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark. ¹¹ Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth. ¹² So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore. ¹³ And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry. ¹⁴ And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried. ¹⁵ Then God spoke to Noah, saying, ¹⁶ “Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁷ Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” ¹⁸ So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him. ¹⁹ Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark.

* **Who does** God remember? (8)

Vs 8: “Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing [hayyah- living], and every animal [behemah- land animal, from rabbit size to ox size or bigger] that was with him in the ark.”

Vs 17: “Bring out with you every living thing [hayyah] of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle [behemah] and every creeping thing [remes- small moving thing, incl. reptiles, etc].”

* **What does** “remember” [zakar] mean in vs 8?

– Remembering is the first thing _____
does.

– From God to us:

Psalm 106 ⁴ Remember me, O LORD, with the favor You have toward Your people. Oh, visit me with Your salvation

Gen 30 ²² Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb.

Luke 23 ⁴² “Lord, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!” ⁴³ And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

– From us to God:

Psalm 20 ⁷ Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

Deut 8 ¹¹ “Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, ¹² lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them ... ¹⁴ when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God ... ¹⁷ then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’ ¹⁸ And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. ¹⁹ Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish.

* **What does** God do because he remembers Noah and the creatures on the ark? (vs 1-5)

– How does God cause the waters to “recede” (shub, return)? (vs 1-3)

Exo 14 ²⁸ Then the waters returned [shub] and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh

Gn 7 ²⁴ And the waters prevailed over the earth ... 8 ¹ ... And God made a wind [ruah] to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided ... ¹³ And ... the waters were dried up ... and the surface of the ground was dry.

Gn 1 ² And the Spirit [ruah] of God was hovering over the face of the waters ... ⁹ Then God said, “Let the waters ... be gathered together ..., and let the dry land appear”

Jn 3 ⁶ “That which is born of the Spirit [pneuma] is spirit [pneuma] ... ⁸ The wind [pneuma] blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from or where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit [pneuma].”

*P*s 104 ⁶ You covered [the earth] with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. ⁷ At your rebuke they fled; at the sound of your thunder they took to flight. ⁸ The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that you appointed for them. ⁹ You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. [ESV]

* **The flood** came suddenly and dramatically (Gn 7.11-12, 17-21). What about its end?

– How does Noah initially measure the dryness of the land? (8.6-12)

* **What are** the parallels with creation?

– Water (Gn 1.2; 8.1)

– Spirit/wind (1.2; 8.1)

– Receding waters and dry land (1.9-10; 8.3-5, 13-14)

– Plants (1.11-12; 8.10-11)

– Man and animals (1.24-27; 8.15-19)

– Be fruitful and multiply (1.22, 28; 8.17; 9.7)

* **What is** the difference between the first creation and the new creation via the flood, and how does it point forward to the perfected new creation in Christ?

2Pt 3 ¹³ [W]e, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

1Pt 3 ²⁰ [I]n the days of Noah ... eight souls were saved through water. ²¹ There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism ... through the resurrection of Jesus Christ

1Cor 15 ²² [S]ince by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³ But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy that will be destroyed is death ... ⁴⁵ And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." [Gn 2.7] The last Adam became a life-giving spirit ... ⁴⁷ The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven ... ⁴⁹ [A]s we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man ... ⁵² [T]he trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ [T]hen shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

Rom 8 ¹⁹ [T]he earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of the God ... ²¹ because the creation itself will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

* **In the OT**, what was one of the main ways God pointed forward to Christ and strengthened his people's faith?

Gn 7 ²³ Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive.

Heb 3 ¹ Christ Jesus ² ... was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses was also faithful in all His house ... ⁵ Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant ... ⁶ but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are

Lk 1 ³¹ "[Y]ou will conceive ... and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. ³² He ... will be called Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And ... of His kingdom there will be no end."