

THE SWORD

February 12, 2023



Psalm 28:7 (KJV)

The LORD is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusted in him,
and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth;
and with my song will I praise him.



Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Experience: 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 P.M.

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Person of the Week

Noah Genesis

Noah is the grandson of Methuselah (Gen. 5:25–29), who was for two hundred and fifty years contemporary with Adam, and the son of Lamech, who was about fifty years old at the time of Adam's death. This patriarch is rightly regarded as the connecting link between the old and the new world. He is the second great progenitor of the human family.

The words of his father Lamech at his birth (Gen. 5:29) have been regarded as in a sense prophetic, designating Noah as a type of Him who is the true "rest and comfort" of men under the burden of life (Matt 11:28).

He lived five hundred years, and then there were born unto him three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth (Gen. 5:32). He was a "just man and perfect in his generation," and "walked with God" (comp. Ezek. 14:14, 20). But now the descendants of Cain and of Seth began to intermarry, and then there sprang up a race distinguished for their ungodliness. Men became more and more corrupt, and God determined to sweep the earth of its wicked population (Gen. 6:7). But with Noah God entered into a covenant, with a promise of deliverance from the threatened deluge (18). He was accordingly commanded to build an ark (6:14–16) for the saving of himself and his house. An interval of one hundred and twenty years elapsed while the ark was being built (6:3), during which Noah bore constant testimony against the unbelief and wickedness of that generation (1 Pet. 3:18–20; 2 Pet. 2:5).

When the ark of "gopher-wood" (mentioned only here) was at length completed according to the command of the Lord, the living creatures that were to be preserved entered into it; and then Noah and his wife and sons and daughters-in-law entered it, and the "Lord shut him in" (Gen 7:16). The judgment-threatened now fell on the guilty world, "the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished" (2 Pet. 3:6). The ark floated on the waters for one hundred and fifty days, and then rested on the mountains of Ararat (Gen. 8:3, 4); but not for a considerable time after this was divine permission given him to leave the ark, so that he and his family were a whole year shut up within it (Gen. 6–14).

On leaving the ark Noah's first act was to erect an altar, the first of which there is any mention, and offer the sacrifices of adoring thanks and praise to God, who entered into a covenant with him, the first covenant between God and man, granting him possession of the earth by a new and special charter, which remains in force to the present time (Gen. 8:21–9:17). As a sign and witness of this covenant, the rainbow was adopted and set apart by God, as a sure pledge that never again would the earth be destroyed by a flood.

But, alas! Noah after this fell into grievous sin (Gen. 9:21); and the conduct of Ham on this sad occasion led to the memorable prediction regarding his three sons and their descendants. Noah "lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years, and he died" (28, 29). (See DELUGE).

Noah, motion, (Heb. Noah) one of the five daughters of Zelophehad (Num 26:33; 27:1; 36:11; Josh. 17:3).

Minister's Minutes

Dauntless Faith

"I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee." Acts 18:10

So long as the Lord had work for Paul to do in Corinth, the fury of the mob was restrained. The Jews opposed themselves and blasphemed; but they could neither stop the preaching of the gospel, nor the conversion of the hearers. God has power over the most violent minds. He makes the wrath of man to praise Him when it breaks forth, but He still more displays His goodness when He restrains it; and He can restrain it. "By the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone, till thy people pass over, O Lord."

Do not, therefore, feel any fear of man when you know that you are doing your duty. Go straight on, as Jesus would have done, and those who oppose shall be as a bruised reed and as smoking flax. Many a time men have had cause to fear because they were themselves afraid; but a dauntless faith in God brushes fear aside like the cobwebs in a giant's path. No man can harm us unless the Lord permits. He who makes the devil himself to flee at a word, can certainly control the devil's agents. Maybe they are already more afraid of you than you are of them. Therefore, go forward, and where you looked to meet with foes you will find friends.

Announcements

- Let us keep all those who have lost loved ones in our thoughts and prayers.
- Thank you to all those who came out to assist with the North Texas Food Bank and Lawrence & Marder food distribution on Wednesday.
- We would like to wish a happy birthday and/or anniversary to everyone who is celebrating this week.
- National Youth Conference will be July 8-13, 2023 at the University of South Carolina Upstate in Spartanburg, SC for \$325 per person.
- Church Zoom Information for Sunday School, Sunday Worship and Adult Wednesday Night Class:
Meeting ID: 915 0578 2664 Password: 859242 Call In Number: 1-346-248-7799
- Youth Midweek Bible Study Zoom Link: **Meeting ID: 851 7396 0683**
- How to Study the Bible Class: New Zoom Link starting **Sunday, January 8, 2023: Zoom Information - Meeting ID: 994 1559 2898 Password: Jesus**

Continuous Announcements

- Every 2nd Sunday Marsalis Avenue host a Zoom Grief Support Meeting at 4PM (Meeting ID: 880 4065 3591, Passcode: 411521)
- California Avenue Church of Christ in Bakersfield, CA host a Sunday Evening Spiritual Encouragement Hour each week on Zoom at 7:30PM central time (Meeting ID: 985 543 3927, Passcode: 1020cal)

Prayer List

Darryl Sims Strickland Family Paul Mitchel Asher Evans Kevin Pratt Gary Walker Ruby Fulbright
Lonny Lewis Charlesetta Jones Annie Phelps Regina Melba Jackson Ethel Mae Perry Samantha
Felton Davenport

What is the Plan of Salvation?

I Peter 1:20 (NASB) says, “For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you.” Before God said let there be light, the plan for mankind’s salvation had already been created by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Before God formed man from the dust of the earth, the heavenly trinity had already established a plan for the redemption of mankind. Before God beheld that all He created was “very good” and decided to rest on the seventh day, the Godhead formulated a mystery that would be revealed to reunite mankind with God. We must be thankful to God that His love for us reached back before there was an us. In knowing this, we should follow after the WORD that was made flesh and dwelt amongst us without hesitation. Jesus the Christ is everything that we need (II Peter 1:2–4).

Hear the Gospel of Jesus the Christ (Romans 10:14). One must hear the glorious message that Jesus the Christ sacrificially died for the penalty of our sin, and that he was raised from the dead by the power of God.

Believe in Jesus the Christ (Hebrews 11:6). One must believe that Jesus was more than just a man, but the Christ.

Repent in the name of Jesus the Christ (Luke 24:46–47). Repentance is required; however, it is not said to take away sin, but rather it produces in us a desire to be vindicated by Jesus the Christ.

Confess that Jesus the Christ is the Son of God (Acts 8:36–37). A person must be willing to make the greatest proclamation ever known to mankind, and that is Jesus the Christ is the Son of God.

Be baptized for the remission of sins in the name of Jesus the Christ (Acts 2:38). Baptism is not a sign of salvation, but rather a New Testament requirement for salvation. The action emulates our Lord and Savior’s death, burial and resurrection.

Being faithful until death like Jesus the Christ (Philippians 2:4–8). If we stay faithful to God’s will, God’s word and God’s way, we will have a home not made with hands awaiting us some day.

What is the Plan of Salvation? How do I become a Christian?

The Answer: JESUS the CHRIST

