

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF NOAH (PART TWO)

“He called his name Noah” – Genesis 5:29

A QUICK REVIEW

Our last devotion discussed what a special day it was in Noah's life when God offered him a plan to save himself and his family amid the coming divine destruction.

NOAH GOT TO WORK

His response to that offer was to do all that God commanded him. For the most part, that involved building an ark that would withstand the flood to come. Endurance and discipline were necessary for a few reasons:

- The time involved: Approximately 500 years old when God first spoke to him – Genesis 5:32 – he was 600 years old when the flood waters were on the earth – Genesis 7:6, 11.
- No one outside his immediate family believed his message and joined him in his mission.

Despite the long wait to see the message fulfilled and the lack of response, Noah remained faithful to his mission, and because of his faithfulness, he had a prepared ark when the next special day in his life occurred.

ANOTHER SPECIAL DAY

After all the long, back-breaking days of work with all the attendant hardships, he heard that Voice again that He had encountered when He began His journey. The Lord said to Him, *"Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation"* (Genesis 7:1). What a day that was. He undoubtedly felt the broadest possible range of emotions, from relief to wonder about what was next. Instructions to gather the animals communicated God went further, saying, *"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"* (Genesis 7:4).

ENTERING THE ARK

Noah and his loved ones boarded the ark and waited the appointed seven days. And then it began. The heavens opened up and the flood came. The waters lifted the ark with those inside safe while the destruction reigned outside them. The rain continued for forty days and forty nights, and the flood increased. How many times must Noah have thought about that special day when God spoke to him and gave him the plan to escape this calamity? You and I can escape the judgment to come in these last days. Jesus is our Ark. Believe in Him, and His Grace will lift you above all that is to come. Glory to God for the special day we receive and believe that message.