



DAILY DEVOTIONS

THE BARNABAS LITURGICAL READING



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

GENESIS 6:1-22

By God's grace, "Noah was a righteous man, blameless among his contemporaries" (6:9). Noah was godly in the midst of ungodliness. Despite the wickedness of the people all around him, he lived with integrity. But how? Moses says, "Noah walked with God" (6:9). Even when family or friends do not live for God, you can do what is right if you walk with God. Stay close to Jesus and follow His word. It will be worth it, even if you do it alone. You will find favor with God even if the world is racing toward judgment.

WHAT ARE WAYS THAT YOU STRUGGLE WITH PEER PRESSURE?

WHY DOES THE DESIRE TO FIT IN OFTEN UNDERMINE OUR EFFORTS TO WALK WITH GOD?

HOW CAN WE BE LIKE NOAH WITHOUT DEVELOPING AN ATTITUDE OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS?

DAY 02

GENESIS 7:1-24

WHAT COMMANDS DO YOU KNOW YOU NEED TO OBEY IN THIS SEASON OF YOUR LIFE?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO WHEN WE ARE UNSURE OF WHAT GOD COMMANDS?

HOW COULD GOD USE YOUR OBEDIENCE TO MAKE AN IMPACT IN THE WORLD?

Noah did everything that the Lord commanded him" (7:5). Who does that sound like? He seems strikingly similar to the prophet from Nazareth. Like Jesus, he was rejected by his fellow men, but saved humanity and creation through his obedience. The difference, of course, is that Noah was a sinner (9:1), but Jesus was not. Jesus obeyed perfectly, making a way for mankind and all creation to be saved. Although we cannot obey perfectly, we should seek to obey everything the Lord commands. It's part of the Great Commission (Matt. 28:20) and the end of our journey.

DAY 03

GENESIS 8:1-19

God remembered Noah and ended the flood (8:1). Sometimes it may feel like God has forgotten you. Maybe you obeyed God, but now you feel like you're just floating around, waiting for God to remember you and take action. Take heart—God doesn't forget His people. In His own time and way, He will say "Come out" (8:15). His timing is often not our timing, but "Commit your way to the LORD; Trust in Him...Wait for the LORD and keep his way, and he will exalt you" (Ps. 37:5, 34).

WHY DO WE STRUGGLE WITH THE FEELING THAT GOD HAS SOMEHOW FORGOTTEN US?

HOW CAN YOU OBEY GOD AS YOU WAIT FOR HIM?

HOW CAN A STORY LIKE NOAH'S GIVE YOU HOPE IN YOUR WAITING?

GENESIS 8:20-22

HOW MIGHT OUR OWN NEED FOR GOD'S GRACE KEEP US FROM COMPARING OURSELVES TO THE LOST?

HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE TOWARD US IN JESUS?

WHAT MIGHT IT LOOK LIKE TO WORSHIP GOD WITH YOUR LIFE?

Noah responded to God's deliverance with worship. He didn't exit the ark with a spirit of pride, saying, "Look at me, the only one God did not kill. I'm better than everyone else." His immediate response was to offer a sacrifice. And notice that it wasn't until a sacrifice was offered that God's judgment was removed (8:21). Jesus' sacrifice removes God's judgment over humanity. How should we respond to this grace? With a life of worship (Rom. 12:1).

DAY 03

GENESIS 9:1-17

Genesis 9:1-17 begins the covenant between God and people. The covenant is a promise of life. The story of the Bible moves along from Noah to Abraham to Isaac to David to Christ. The story of the Bible progresses with each covenant. Many covenants. The Bible says that sign of Noah's covenant is a rainbow. When we see a rainbow, it is an ongoing reminder of God's promise never to destroy all of humanity in a flood again. Covenants are only as reliable as the people who make them. Since God is faithful and true, we can be sure that all promises will come to pass.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF WHEN YOU SEE A RAINBOW?

DO YOU TRUST THAT GOD WILL COME THROUGH ON ALL OF HIS PROMISES?

HOW DOES GOD'S FAITHFULNESS AND COMMITMENT TO US MOTIVATE US TO RAISE OUR COMMITMENT TO HIM?