

“The Perfect Storm” Genesis 7–8

2 Tim. 4:3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

THE PATIENCE OF GOD

Chapter 7:1-11

- 1) The patience of God is that attribute which causes Him to sustain great injuries without immediately avenging Himself. (A. W. Pink) (Neh.9:17; Ps. 103:8)
- 2) Don't confuse God's patience with permission or passivity. (Eccl. 8:11; 2 Peter 3:9)
- 3) God's patience is long, but limited. (2 Pet.2:5; 1 Pet.3:20)
- 4) It is generally a minority that responds positively to God's revelation. (Matt.7:13-14; John 6:60-68)

THE WRATH OF GOD

Chapter 7:12-24

- 1) God is love, but He is also a God of wrath. (Ps. 2:5, 12, 7:11; Rom. 5:9; Eph. 2:3, 5:6; Col. 3:6; 1 Thess. 1:10) When part of the truth becomes the whole truth, than the truth becomes untruth.
- 2) The wrath of God is His intense displeasure towards sin and His judgment against it. (John 3:36; Rom. 1:18, 2:5, 8)

- 3) The denial of Divine judgment presents three insurmountable problems:
 - ✓ Intellectual Problem: Who's to say what is violent and what isn't?
 - ✓ Emotional Problem: How do you deal with violence against you?
 - ✓ Cultural Problem: How do you break the cycle of retaliatory violence?
- 4) The big debate between who goes to heaven and who goes to hell is God's call. V16 "Then the Lord shut them in." (Matt. 13:24-30; 36-43)
- 5) God's wrath is a display of His love, goodness, and justice. (Ex. 22:22-24; Ezek. 16:38, 23:20-25)
- 6) The topic of Divine judgment should be troubling to us, but nothing compared to how God feels about it. (Gen. 6:5-6; Isa. 63:10; Eph. 4:30)

THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

Chapter 8:1-22

- 1) God is both Judge and lover at the same time. **How?** (Propitiation: Deliverance by God from God and His wrath) (Rom. 5:9-10, 3:23-25; Heb. 2:17; 1 John 2:2, 4:10 ESV)
- 2) The same waters that crushed some lifted others (Noah & his family).
- 3) Before floods come into your life, get into the arc (Jesus Christ). (Ps. 9:9-10, 23, 27, 91:1; Rom. 8:28-39; 2 Cor. 12:8-10; Phil. 4:11-13, 19; Heb. 4:15-16)
- 4) For love awakens love in return. Worship is seeing what God is worth and giving to Him what He is worth. V20 (1 John 4:16-19)

March 25

Topical Message

Proverbs

INVINCIBLE

(Turn Defeat into Victory)

April 1 (Palm)

“The Agony of Defeat”

Psalm 22:1-21

April 8 (Easter)

“The Thrill of Victory”

Psalm 22:22-31



Growing

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desert breeze community church

1) How would you paraphrase 2 Timothy 4:3? Is this happening today? Why do you think the doctrine of Divine Judgment is rarely discussed in many churches today?

2) How do you define the Patience of God? Why is God patient with us? Is there an end to His patience? What do you think happens when people confuse His patience with His permission or passivity?

3) How would you define the wrath of God? What kind of problems does the denial of Divine Judgment cause? How is God's wrath a display of His love, goodness and justice?

4) How can God be both Judge and Lover at the same time? What floodwaters are you currently facing that you need to run into the arc (Jesus Christ)?

5) What was Noah's very 1st response when he came out of the arc? What does this tell you about what was most important to Noah? What would someone watching your life say is most important to you? What does it mean "For love awakens love in return"? (1 John 4:16-19)