



GO AHEAD AND BUILD IT!

Text: Genesis 6:5-18

5 The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. 6 The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. 7 So the Lord said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them." 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. 9 This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. 10 Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

11 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. 12 God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. 13 So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. 14 So make yourself an ark of cypress[c] wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. 15 This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high.[d] 16 Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit[e] high all around.[f] Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. 17 I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. 18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you

Historical Context

Many ancient cultures around the world record a story of a great flood from which only one man and his family escaped by building a boat. The accounts closest to the biblical narrative originate in Mesopotamia from texts dating around BC 1600.

I) Jesus is our Ark

The image of Christ portrayed in the Ark offers many parallels.

- **WOOD** - The ark was constructed of wood. The cross upon which Jesus died was constructed of wood.
- **ONE DOOR** - Noah was instructed to make a single door in the side of the Ark; it was the only entrance into the Ark, and access was controlled by God. Likewise, Jesus said that He is the door, and that no one comes to the Father except through Him. John 10
- **ONE LIGHT** - The ark had one opening for light. Jesus is our one source of light. John 8

- **PITCH** Noah was instructed to cover the Ark with a covering of pitch within and without. The pitch sealed the Ark and made it watertight so that all inside would be saved.
 - 1) Pitch was to cover. Jesus was divinity covered in humanity.
 - 2) Also, the blood of Jesus covers the sin of all who will put their faith and trust in Him, and His blood puts a seal of security on those that belong to him.
- Finally, the Ark carried all of its passengers safely to the destination that God had prepared for them.
- The Story is a story about the saving of Family both immediate and humanity

II) Noah Builds by Faith

“By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.”

Hebrews 11:7 NIV

A. Noah is a BREAKTHROUGH MAN

- Noah found favor
- Noah is righteous but not sinless. This because he was faithful in walking with God

B. **It Costs to build** - “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’”

- Today we celebrate and encourage men who are building something to preserve others.
 1. **It was Noah’s first time building an ark** - this speaks to us of the **courage** that it takes to build something. Some men are building with no one showing them how. They are the first.
 2. **It took Noah 120 years to build the ark** - this speaks to us of the **patience** it takes to build something. Some men are tired and feel like quitting.
 3. **It took following specific details to build the ark** - Dimensions, Materials, Methods. This speaks of the **strategy** and attention to detail it takes to build something. Some men are frustrated and struggling with the details
 4. **Noah built the ark when others didn’t believe.** This speaks of the **perseverance** it takes to build something. Some men are building and have no one to believe in them.
 5. **Noah built in the midst of a chaotic culture.** This speaks of the **commitment** that it takes to build something. Some men are building in the midst of a culture that are anti everything they are building

III) Go Ahead and Build It!

- Like Noah, we need you to keep building something that will preserve others

- A. Know what time to build
“.....a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,”
Ecclesiastes 3:3 NIV

- B. Build with God
“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.” Psalms 127:1 NIV

- C. Build on The Right Foundation
““Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”” Matthew 7:24-27 NIV

- D. Remember: Whatever is built will be tested