

Series: Stand Fast In the Lord

# THE DEVOTION OF NOAH (PT. 2)

GENESIS 8:20-22

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## **Genesis 8:20**

*<sup>20</sup> And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.*

Introduction:

As we considered this morning the Devotion of Noah we saw his priority of worship, the purpose of worship, and the price of worship.

We continue this evening considering:

Sermon Content:

## **1. THE PROVISIONS FOR WORSHIP**

The animals for the burnt offering teach us another lesson about worship, namely, God provides for our worship; that is, He enables us to worship.

If we fail to worship, we cannot blame God.

When God told Noah to put seven of each of the clean animals on the ark, He was providing Noah with food for the future; but more importantly, He was also providing Noah with the ability to worship.

These clean beast and fowl was the sacrifice which God provided.

Several years later God again provided the sacrifice for sin through His Son the Lord Jesus Christ.

God enabled Noah to worship, and Noah wisely used his provisions to worship.

And his first use of the clean animals was worship, not personal use.

Note not only the Provisions for Worship but also:

## **2. THE PURITY OF WORSHIP**

Noah's devotion also demonstrated the purity of worship.

The purity of worship is seen in the fact that it was "clean" animals that were used for the burnt offerings on the altar.

This cleanness of the animals speaks to us of the correctness of doctrine in worship.

Our doctrine must embrace a sinless Christ or we do not have a Savior.

We must worship a sinless Christ or our worship is void.

Doctrine does indeed matter in worship.

In fact, it is vital in worship.

To say doctrine does not matter in worship is to say it did not matter what kind of animal was offered for a sacrifice on the altar.

We must worship a sinless Christ if our worship is to be of any worth.

So if you are going to worship properly, you need to be in a church that has correct doctrine.

If a church does not preach and teach a sinless Christ, you cannot worship properly at that church.

Its worship services are of no value.

Many churches do not preach or teach that Jesus Christ was sinless.

Figuratively they fill the altars with unclean animals.

Their worship is void, empty, and not valid.

Note not only the Provisions for Worship and the Purity of Worship but also:

### **3. THE PRODUCT OF WORSHIP**

Right worship produces right consequences.

From our text, we see three important consequences of worship which Noah experienced.

Note:

#### A. The Pleasing of God

##### **Genesis 8:21**

***<sup>21</sup> And the LORD smelled a sweet savour;*** and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

The burnt offering which Noah offered put out a fragrance that to God was a “sweet savor.”

It was pleasing to God.

Pleasing God ought to be our purpose in life.

People often try to please other people, but seldom do people try to please God.

Yet pleasing God is much more important than pleasing men.

Note what is said about Enoch the great-grandfather of Noah.

***Hebrews 11:5***

*<sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.*

Paul challenged the Ephesians not to be men pleasers.

***Ephesians 6:6***

*<sup>6</sup> Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;*

Noah's sacrifice pleased God.

Not only did Noah's sacrifice please God it brought with it:

**B. The Promises of God**

Noah's worship resulted in God giving two significant promises.

They were the promise of protection and the promise of provisions.

## **Genesis 8:21-22**

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In the promise of protection God said that there would never be a flood that destroyed every living being.

In the promise of provision was that seedtime and harvest would never cease.

The worship of Noah was pleasing to God and brought the Promises of God.

Note also:

### C. The Proclamation of God

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True worship is instructive.

Our worship services at church are a time of instruction which generally comes through the preaching in the worship services.

Those who do not worship will be spiritually illiterate.

This statement in our text, which God made after Noah worshiped, shows that worship is instructive.

Here it taught Noah two important truths. One has to do with the grace of God the other with the guile of man.

- The Grace of God

The grace was seen in the promise of not bringing a worldwide flood on the earth again in spite of the fact that the “imagination of man’s heart is evil from his youth.”

People often complain about the judgment of God by saying they cannot understand how a God of love would send anyone to hell.

They have it all backwards—it is not God's judgment that is difficult to understand.

It is God's grace that is difficult to understand.

Note only is the Grace of God seen in these words but also:

- The Guile of Men.

We see in this the depravity of mankind.

Man is born a sinner and is full of guile.

Because of this we need the Grace of God.

Close:

Understand:

If we are going to Stand Fast in the Lord then it involves devotion, and our devotion is demonstrated in our worship.

Are we truly worshipping God?

True or Right Worship is pleasing to God.

Is that our purpose to be pleasing to God?