

God remembered v-1

When you're going through a storm, it's easy to feel forsaken. "I think the Lord has forgotten me," said a church member whom I was visiting in the hospital. In her mind, she could recall Hebrews 13:5 and quote it ("I will never leave you or forsake you" [nkjv]); but in her heart, she felt lonely and abandoned. Where was her God? When would the storm end? Bible Exposition Commentary (BE Series)

Psalm 10:1 (NKJV) Why do You stand afar off, O LORD? Why do You hide in times of trouble?

2 Corinthians 1:8 (NKJV) 8 For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life.

Matthew 27:46 (NKJV) 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

God loves mercy rather than judgment.

He will judge when He must but He is merciful all the time.

after the water covered all the earth

after all life on earth is destroyed

after 150 days of prevailing floods

Noah will be on the ark for 370 days.

He remembered Noah but also every living thing.

The idea of the word remember does not mean that God had forgotten Noah but that He was now turning His action to Noah and his need.

Genesis 8:1-22 (NKJV) 1 Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. 2 The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. 3 And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty DAYS the waters decreased. 4 Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth DAY of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. 5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first DAY of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen. 6 So it came to pass, at the end of forty DAYS, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. 7 Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth. 8 He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground. 9 But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself. 10 And he waited yet another seven DAYS, and again he sent the dove out from the ark. 11 Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth. 12 So he waited yet another seven DAYS and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore. 13 And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first DAY of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry. 14 And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh DAY of the month, the earth

God provided in their time of need.
The water stopped rising after 150 days.

God lowered the water.

God begins to dry up the waters.

11 Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth.

Interesting isn't it that still today the dove and the olive branch are signs of peace.

God dried up the land.

God caused the plants to grow again.

This total process took over a year.

Noah worships

There is the obedience of faith and the worship of faith: both go together.

This seems to have been the practice from the days of Adam and Eve.

There were so few animals left but yet of every clean animal and bird a sacrifice was made.

Because God is holy and man is sinful there must be a sacrifice.

Noah didn't worship the ark or the water.

And it was a sweet aroma to the Lord.

God promised Himself.

The seasons would always follow one another.

The earth would never be destroyed by water again.

was dried. 15 Then God spoke to Noah, saying, 16 "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. 17 Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." 18 So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. 19 Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark. 20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. 22 "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."