

The Day the Door Shut

Stand Alone / Ge 7:1–10

Introduction

We recently studied a message in Revelation 3 that God is the One that opens and closes doors.

Revelation 3:7 says He is the One that “openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;”

I want to look at what happens when God shuts a door. We actually see this account of God shutting the door on the ark in Genesis 7.

The terrible tragedy is well known to us since we are familiar with the story of Noah’s ark. But have you ever taken time to think about the fact that once God shut the door there was nothing that could be done to open it. No one else was getting in and no one else was getting out.

In John 10, Jesus reminds us that He is the Door to salvation.

There are a number of Scriptures that give insight into the day that the door was shut. **We are going to look at some of those texts and consider four insights together.** (Read Text) Genesis 7:1-10; v. 16

Transition

During Jesus’ earthly ministry, He gives us an indication of what the coming of Christ will be like. He describes the scene by comparing it to the days of Noah.

Matthew 24:37

³⁷ But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

TT - Let’s look at four insights about the days of Noah, the day God shut the door!

God's Presence was there

Genesis 7:1 **Come** thou into the ark, not go into the ark

Notice this promising truth: God didn't say, Go to the ark. Rather, "come into".

Can you imagine being shut in with the Lord in His presence?

We can think of this scene in light of Psalm 15:1

Psalm 15:1 KJV 1900

¹ Lord, Who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

These are two questions that basically ask the same question: how can someone abide in your presence?

Psalm 15:2-5 give us the answer but Psalm 15:2 could be the summary

² He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, And speaketh the truth in his heart.

Noah was a man that walked with God. Could you imagine your epitaph being:

Genesis 6:8 KJV 1900

⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Genesis 6:9 KJV 1900

⁹ These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God.

Genesis 6:22 KJV 1900

²² Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Every Christian should long to live in God's presence. We should long to foster a better relationship with the Lord.

If Noah was alive today:

He would spend time talking with God

He would be in the Word

He would be led by the Spirit

He would use His spiritual giftedness

He would gather with the church every time the doors were open
He would be a soul winner that went on visitation
He would do all that He could for the LORD.

God's presence is with us today:

Jesus promised to send another Comforter, the Holy Spirit to be with you

John 16:7 KJV 1900

⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

It was a day of Patience

There were 100 years of time between the instructions of Noah in Genesis 5:32

“32 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.” and Genesis 7:6 “6 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.”

ILL - When Robert Ingersoll, the famous atheist, was lecturing, he once took out his watch and declared, “I will give God five minutes to strike me dead for the things I have said.” The minutes ticked off as he held the watch and waited. In about four-and-a-half minutes, some women began fainting, but nothing happened. When the five minutes were up, Ingersoll put the watch into his pocket. When that incident reached the ears of a certain preacher, Joseph Parker, he asked, “And did the gentleman think he could exhaust the patience of the Eternal God in five minutes?”

It was a time of long-suffering of God (waiting)

1 Peter 3:20 (KJV 1900)

²⁰ Which sometime were disobedient, when once **the longsuffering of God waited** in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

It was a day of warning - Hebrews 11:7

⁷ By faith Noah, **being warned of God** of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

It was a day of Penalty for Sinners

The situation is described in Genesis 6:5-7 in Genesis 6:10-13

The Condition of Man:

Genesis 6:5-7 (KJV 1900)

⁵ And God saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. ⁶ And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. ⁷ And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

Genesis 6:10-13 KJV 1900

¹⁰ And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. ¹³ And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

It was a time of Disobedience

1 Peter 3:20 (KJV 1900)

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Man's condition is further described in the NT letter to the Corinthians 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 KJV 1900

⁹ Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor

abusers of themselves with mankind, ¹⁰ Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

2 Timothy 3:1–5 KJV 1900

¹ This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. ² For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, ⁴ Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; ⁵ Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

It was a Day of Carelessness - Matthew 24:37-38; Luke 17:26-27

Matthew 24:37–38 KJV 1900

³⁷ But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ³⁸ For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, It was a time of condemnation/judgment - Hebrews 11:7

Hebrews 11:7 KJV 1900

⁷ By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

It was a day of Protection

Genesis 7:16 KJV 1900

¹⁶ And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the Lord shut him in.

When God led Noah and his family into the ark, God was separating them from the wickedness around them.

God used the ark to save Noah and his family

Hebrews 11:7 KJV 1900

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Spurgeon said,

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Noah was shut in away from all the world by the hand of divine love.

The waters were rising but they were separated from the danger.

Interesting notes about the ark:

the covering - Genesis 8:13 - and Noah removed the covering of the ark

The covering is the very thing that separated them from the rains of judgment.

The covering kept them from getting blasted.

Pitch - Genesis 6:14

¹⁴ Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

This is a watertight water proof glue used to seal the ark. The same thing was used when Moses had an ark of bullrushes built for him and his mother placed him within it.

The word for pitch is the same word for atonement used in the OT

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is associated particularly with sacrifices and offerings, priests, and the tabernacle in order to provide forgiveness of sins, purification and consecration.

The atonement of Christ is the at-one-ment of two parties. In the case of Noah, he has at-one-ment with God while in the ark.

The death of Christ brings the repentant sinner into relationship with God.

Isaiah 53:4–6 KJV 1900

⁴ Surely he hath borne our griefs,

And carried our sorrows:

Yet we did esteem him stricken,

Smitten of God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he *was* wounded for our transgressions,

He was bruised for our iniquities:

The chastisement of our peace *was* upon him;

And with his stripes we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned every one to his own way;
And the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Romans 5:6 KJV 1900

⁶ For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Matthew 20:28 KJV 1900

²⁸ Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Genesis 6:8 KJV 1900

⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Genesis 7:21–24 (KJV 1900)

²¹ And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: ²² All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry *land*, died. ²³ And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: **and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.** ²⁴ And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

Closing:

I have to ask this question as we close: Which side of the ark are you on?

As we shared in the beginning, God was present in the ark. He invited Noah and his family to come in Genesis 7:1

Genesis 7:1 KJV 1900

¹ And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

Jesus similarly invites us to come to him:

Matthew 11:28 KJV 1900

²⁸ Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

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