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LESSONS FROM NOAH ABOUT WALKING WITH GOD
DURING DAYS of SPIRITUAL DISINTEGRATION IN HIS DAY

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Intro: Jesus said clearly that as the day of his return hastens more and more the days will become like the days of Noah..

Matthew 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Matthew 24:37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matthew 24:38 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,

Matthew 24:39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Never has there been a day where men are so ignorant of the most significant event that has shaped our lives like the event of the great world wide flood as described in the Bible.

It grieves me every time I view a documentary about geological wonders of our world. Especially when viewing beautiful landscapes like the Grand Canyon, Yosemite Park, the Redwoods of California. Why have they survived? It is because the weather conditions are more like what we read about in Genesis.

Genesis 2:6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

Consider all the magnificent wonders of the world. Then the narrator inevitably always comes out with a statement like, 50 to 100 million years ago, and then they go on to wax eloquent about how this happened and that happened. I just laugh.

This has given rise to a generation that scoffs at the knowledge of Scripture. Peter put it this way.

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II Peter 3:4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

II Peter 3:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

II Peter 3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

II Peter 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

Now if the Biblical account of Noahs world wide flood is accurate, then all the geology and much of the earth science books of our day would have to be re-written.

What is amazing is that any simpleton could look at the lay of the land and see the finger of God through a world wide flood.

But more important than the actual fact of the physical effect that the actual flood had on this planet is the spiritual reason for this flood. WHY DID GOD BRING THE FLOOD AND WHY DID HE SPARE NOAH AND HIS FAMILY?

So wicked are these people that when evidence is presented that seems to support the Biblical narrative they are quick to reason it away or even hide the facts.

There were human footprints crossing dinosaur footprints in a river in Texas. The critics claim the foot prints were just Dinosaur footprints that eroded and elongated so they appear to be human like.

Truth is, I do not need archeological evidence to believe the Bible. I just believe it. But all over the world there is archeological evidence of a worldwide flood and the experts ignore the evidence.

Now we, as God's children, need to not be ignorant of what the Bible says about this world, and especially the days of Noah. For as it were in the days of Noah so shall it be in the end times. Jesus taught the historical accuracy of the Noah account and that should be good enough for any of us.

HOW NOAH AVOIDED THE SEEDS OF DISINTEGRATION AND SURVIVED THE UNGODLINESS OF HIS DAY

I. Noah kept walking with God by not following the pattern of spiritual failure in the area of choosing a spouse.

The seeds of spiritual disintegration will occur through ungodly yokes and marriages.
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1. THERE IS NO GREATER YOKE THAN MARRIAGE:

One of the greatest failures of the contemporary church is that they are following the doctrine of Balaam WHOLESALE.

The advice of Balaam to Balak was, don't fight them yoke up with them. Israel was to be separate from the Canaanites and the heathen nations about them. The Church is to be Holy and separated from the world. It is no different for us as it was for them.

At one time Scranton was 70% Bible based protestants what happened?

Let me read for you the plan of Rome for America in the mid 1800's.

What corrupted the church was the day that the church joined affinity with ROME. Then the majority of Churches united with Rome under what was know as the Roman Church. Today we know this church as the Roman Catholic Church.

Charles Chiniquy, a converted Roman Catholic Priest, wrote about what he heard at a meeting of Catholic Priests in 1852 in Buffalo NY. Here is what was said at that meeting. (Charles Chiniquy 50 years in the church of Rome Pages 181-182)

"We are determined to take possession of the United States but we must proceed with the utmost secrecy and Wisdom. What does a skilled general do when he wants to conquer a country? Does he scatter his soldiers over the farm lands and spend their energy in plowing the fields? No! he keeps them close to his flanks and marching toward the strongholds the rich and powerful cities. The farming countries then submit and become the proceeds of this victory without moving a finger to subdue them.

So it is with us. Silently and patiently, we must mass our Roman Catholics in the great cities of the United States, remember that the weight in the scale of power as the millionaire Astor, and that we have two votes against his one, he will become as powerless as an oyster. Let us then multiply our votes: let us call our poor but faithful Irish Catholics from every corner of the world, and gather them into the very hearts of the cities of Washington, New York, Boston, Chicago, Buffalo, Albany, Troy, Cincinnati, etc..

Under the shadows of these great cities the Americans consider themselves a giant unconquerable race. They look upon the poor Irish Catholics with supreme contempt, as only fit to dig their canals, sweep their streets and work in their kitchens. Let no one awake those sleeping lions, today. Let us pray God that they continue to sleep a few years longer, waking only to find their votes outnumbered as we will turn them forever, out of every position of honor, power and profit! When not a single judge or policeman will be elected if he be not a devoted Irish Catholic! What will those so-called giants think when not a single senator or member of congress will be chosen, unless he has submitted to our father the pope!

We will not only elect the president, but fill and command the armies the navies and hold the key of the public treasury. It will then be time for our faithful Irish people to give up their grog shops, in order to become the judges and governors of the land.

Then yes! then we will rule the united states, and lay them at the feet of the Vicar of Jesus Christ, that he may put an end to their godless system of education, and impious laws of liberty of conscience which are an insult to God and man! ..."

The goal at the tower of Babel was to bring all the people together under one roof. religiously and politically. This is the goal of Romanism. This is the goal of the liberals and progressives of our nation. This is the goal of un-checked immigration. Whether it be through immigration or through marriage. The end result is the same. A blending of all people and corruption of God's people. Relativism reigns supreme. No Absolutes.

If we are to be like Noah we must reject this Babylonian philosophy. Noah was an independent spirit. He did not go along with any of the isms of his day. I could see him out in the country building the ark, following the Lord, maintaining his testimony for the Lord. According to the Bible, Noah and his family alone out of all the peoples of the world were separated unto God and walking with the Lord. HE WAS PERFECT IN HIS GENERATIONS, suggesting he didn't intermarry and corrupt himself like the rest of the world.

Consider the worst kings of Israel were bad because of their ungodly wives.
Solomon: He Fell because of his wives:

I Kings 11:4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

Ahab's fall because of his wife:

I Kings 21:25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat was destroyed because of his wife:

II Kings 8:17 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

II Kings 8:18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

Ultimately Athaliah, his wife, usurped the throne of Israel.

In the days of Nehemiah there was a plague in the nation caused by inter marrying believers and unbelievers.

Nehemiah 13:23 In those days also saw I Jews that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab:

Nehemiah 13:24 And their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people.

Nehemiah 13:25 And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves.

Nehemiah 13:26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin.

Nehemiah 13:30 Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites, every one in his business;

Noah somehow had to avoid the ungodliness and corruption in the area of marriage. For himself and his three sons.

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Whatever was going on with corruption in the area of marriage, it was wrapped up in this verse:

Genesis 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

2. SPIRITUAL DISINTEGRATION OCCURS THROUGH OTHER UNEQUAL YOKES:

II Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

II Corinthians 6:15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

II Corinthians 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

II Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

II Corinthians 6:18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

We are called to be holy and separate unto God.

When God called Abraham he called him to separate even from his family and kindred.

Jesus predicted that just before His coming times would become like the days of Noah and Lot.

Why did He say that? He said it as a warning to those who would live in those days. It is possible to survive in a corrupt world but only by maintaining a degree of separation.

Noah alone was willing to avoid the corruption:

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Lot it says was grieved by the corruption around him and had to maintain some form of separation even though he lived in the city of Sodom..

II. NOAH KEPT WALKING WITH GOD BY NOT BECOMING ENAMORED BY THE RICH AND FAMOUS PEOPLE OF HIS DAY.

The seeds of spiritual disintegration occur through wrong hero worship.

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Can you picture Noah skipping church for the Super Bowl?

Who were these mighty men? Men of renown? They were not men who walked with God..

Mighty men: These are the athletes of the day. Rich, Famous, mighty.

Men of renown: The famous ones of this world.. Today we call them stars.

Were they godly men?

Super Bowl Sunday. Men who are skipping church and encouraging others to do so are the men of renown. They are the mighty men.

The heroes of today are ungodly athletes or backslidden athletes.

I think of that story, Chariots of Fire, where Eric Liddell refused to race on a Sunday because it was the Lord's day. You don't see that today with so called Christian athletes.

The heroes of this day are the ungodly Hollywood crowd.

The heroes are the ungodly musicians.

The heroes are the proud and the arrogant, rich and corrupt.

III. NOAH KEPT WALKING WITH GOD BY MAINTAINING A DISDAIN FOR THE CORRUPTION OF HIS DAY.

The seeds of spiritual disintegration occur through widespread acceptance of corruption.

Genesis 6:5 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.

Through the internet men can feed their wicked imaginations continually.

Never has the potential of corruption been so great.

We accept the homosexuals, immorality, even in our political leadership. HO HUM, everyone says, so what that is, until it is a conservative who is accused of impropriety.

Co-Habitation is the norm today.

IV. NOAH'S WALK WITH GOD DELIVERED HIM FROM GOD'S WRATH AND JUDGMENT THAT FELL ON THE REST OF THE WORLD.

In the end result of Spiritual disintegration will culminate in God's judgment.

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II Peter 3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

II Peter 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

II Peter 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

II Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

II Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

If a 1000 years is as a day then a century of years is like an hour and a year to God is like a minute.

Matthew 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

It has not even been 2 full spiritual days since our lord ascended into heaven.

Revelation 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Revelation 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Matthew 25:4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

Matthew 25:5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

Matthew 25:6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

If a thousand years to God is like a day and a day is like a thousand years:

Jesus ascended in 33 AD.

Then we are approaching the midnight hour since Christ left earth.
I would be surprised if the Lord tarried more than 33 more years.

No man knows the day or the hour but I believe we would have to be blind not to see the leaves turning as we enter the season.

For instance: We know we are in the winter season and that it probably will snow but none of us know when. I am surprised it has not been as bad as it could have been. But as soon as winter hits us we make preparation. I put the plow on my truck. I got the salt spreader ready. How foolish we would be not to prepare for it. Why are we not preparing for the Lord's return? Can't you see the leaves turning.. Spiritual fall is in full bloom!.

V. NOAH KEPT WALKING WITH GOD AND SEEKING TO SAVE OTHERS.

II Peter 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

GOD IS IN THE BUSINESS OF SAVING SOULS. NOAH SOUGHT OUT THE SALVATION OF HIS GENERATION.

Noah won at least 7 people to the Lord in his ministry. His church consisted of 8 people.

His wife, 3 sons, and 3 daughters in law.

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Genesis 6:13 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.

Genesis 6:18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

God is looking for a covenant people.

Application:

My vision for the Church:

A few years ago I stopped trying to build a super work.

I no longer am looking to turn the world upside down but trying to draw a remnant into the ark of God.

I am looking for our church to be a place of refuge, an ark.

Years ago I had a young lady and her family coming to the church and they got offended by a message I preached. They didn't like that I said that God says we are spiritual whores when we play footsies with the world.

REV 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

JER 3:7 And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

JER 3:8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

JER 3:9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks.

JER 3:10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the LORD.

After I preached that message the wife was greatly offended by my message and threatened to leave the church. I went to them and smoothed things over. In fact there were two or three times they were offended about this or that, and each time I went to them and smoothed things over. Then the daughter of that family married a young man from the church and then took him out of the church and years later left him and to this day that young man has never been back to church. I think I should have just let the family go when they wanted to go.

Look, think about this: NOAH didn't force anyone into the ark. Even the animals came two by two as the Lord directed. If we make our church a place of refuge for God's people, people should just want to come in. We shouldn't have to manipulate or force anyone. We should preach with a passion the love of Christ, but if people do not obey the Lord and come into His spiritual ark, what can you do? We should have a burden, and yes even compel men to be saved but if they will not come it is on them.

If we are in the days of Noah expect God's crowd to get smaller, and don't let that discourage you! Jesus said where two or three are gathered there I am.

Foolish for a parent to look for a large youth program.
Foolish for people to look for a large work.

God may bring us an end time revival like in the days of Josiah. But if He does not, decide to be a Noah anyway! Let's never offer up to God strange fire. The fire must originate from Him and Him alone.

Of Josiah and his revival we read:

II Kings 23:25 And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him.

To see this revival we would have to see something like this:

II Kings 23:7 And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove.

What do we see happening in the churches that draw big crowds today?

Basis of unity and growth should be holiness and doctrine not bringing the world and activities of the world into the church.

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WE SHOULD DESIRE TO BE WITH JUST MEN and WOMEN:

WE SHOULD DESIRE TO BE WITH THOSE WHO ARE PERFECT IN THEIR SALVATION (GENERATIONS):

WE SHOULD DESIRE TO BE A HAVEN FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO WALK WITH GOD:

We should desire to be preachers of righteousness.

Conclusion:

More and more, don't expect a lot of people to agree with biblical standards. Was Noah in the majority?

Years ago I had a fellow call me and ask me about our stand on certain issues in our church. He said "I don't know any church that believes and holds what you hold. Don't you feel all alone? I said, no. It doesn't matter to me what the Methodist preacher does or the Presbyterian or Catholic minister or even other Baptist ministers believe and do. All I care about is what the Bible says I should do. That is not to say I am unique. I look to the old timers and believe what they taught. There are many that have held to this book. As Paul said, be ye followers of me as I am of Christ!

That was the attitude that Noah had. Imagine 100 years of building ark in a world where it never rained and knew nothing about flooding! Don't think for a minute that he did not receive some ridicule.

THE SKEPTICS.

THE SCOFFERS.

THE MODERNISTS.

I Peter 4:3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

I Peter 4:4 Where in they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

I Peter 4:5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

What is interesting about this verse is that in the context of this passage Peter gives reference to the flood.

I Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

I Peter 3:16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

I Peter 3:17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

I Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

I Peter 3:19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

I Peter 3:20 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.

I Peter 3:21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

In I Peter 3:19 Notice in this passage it says that through the Holy Spirit Noah preached for 100 years while the ark was being prepared.

Notice that in I Peter 3:16 says that the unsaved world will speak evil of us. They spoke evil of Jesus, they spoke evil of the early disciples. Why are we surprised that they speak evil of us also? And let me suggest that they spoke evil of Noah also while that ark was being prepared.

Welcome to this prediction of our Lord.

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Matthew 24:38 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,

Matthew 24:39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.