



**DGM Message Title: Jesus and the Ark**

**Concept: Jesus is the help you need!**

**Message Summary:** God has provided His Son, Jesus as a gift to us for every need in our lives. He will keep us, lead us, and protect us when we recognize that He is everything we need. All we have to do is cry out for help. Who you are connected to matters...you will find the safety, security, and promises you desire when you are connected to Jesus.

**Scriptural References:**

- Genesis 6:8-10; 14-14,16 & 18 NKJV
- Psalm 27:5 NKJV
- Genesis 7:13 & 16
- 2 Corinthians 1:20
- Romans 3:24
- Romans 6:11
- 1 Corinthians 5:22

**Key Points:**

- Genesis 6:8
  - But Noah found grace...
  - Grace is defined as the unmerited favor of the Lord
    - Unearned and undeserved gift
    - It never depends upon what we have done, but only what God has done for us
    - God took the initiative and loved us even when we were unlovely
  - When people are asked what it takes to get to heaven most people respond that you have to be “good”
    - Jesus contradicts that answer
    - You must cry for help to get to heaven, crying out to the Lord for help
    - It’s not about being good
    - All we must do is cry for help -Phillip Yancy
    - Sometimes because we have done a little good in life, we think we can do it on our own

- None of us have the strength to live a totally righteous life to bridge the gap to God
- Genesis 6:9
  - Noah was a righteous man
  - Notice grace always proceeds righteousness
    - You will never be good enough to earn grace
    - God still knows how to reach down in the gutter and bring up a jewel
    - God still sees the best in me when everybody else only sees the worst in me
    - Never forget who was there for you when no one else was
  - Noah walked with God
    - God was just looking for someone who would value His presence and His company
    - Those who walk with God always reach their destination – Henry Ford
    - Our goal in life should be to walk with our Creator, it's not about getting a title, but a relationship
- Genesis 6:10
  - Everybody connect to Noah was saved from the flood
  - It is important who you are connected to
- Genesis 6:13
  - God was saying that He was going to finalize a decree
  - The people were in your face with their sins and was daring people to say something; brazenness and defiance
    - Adam & Eve were placed on the planet to represent God on the earth, however man reflected the devil instead of their creator
    - At some point even, God has enough
- Genesis 6:14
  - God will deal with some stuff, but will still protect you in the process
  - Those that walk with God will go through the same stuff as everybody else, but your outcome doesn't have to be the same
  - Noah went through the flood, the same rain fell on him as the unjust, but he was preserved through it
    - Isaac sowed in a time of famine and reaped a hundred-fold return
    - Daniel was sent into the lion's den and God preserved him, but his enemies were thrown in and destroyed
    - Joseph was sold into slavery, but arose to be second in command
    - Jesus was handed over to be killed, but rose on the third day
  - We are going to go through the somethings, but the outcome doesn't have to be like everybody else
  - Jesus said that it would be fire the next time
- Genesis 6:18
  - God established a covenant with Noah
    - A covenant in the ancient world was the strongest form of contract with a built-in death oath

- A covenant was a death oath
    - God has a covenant with us through Jesus Christ; meaning God will have to kill Himself to break His promises
    - God would have to self-destruct before He breaks even one of His promises
    - Noah's outcome was different because He had a covenant with God
  - We are under a new covenant
  - Troubles will come, but God will shield and hide you in the middle of it
- Psalm 27:5
  - God will hide us in His tent and stand behind God and He will answer the door, so they can come, but they will have to come through God first
  - God will put you in a place where your enemies will not be able to reach you; your confidence will be to dare people to come after you because you know who has you
- Genesis 6:18
  - Everybody in Noah's family was safe because of the covenant He established with Noah
  - The covenant we are under is because of the blood shed by Jesus Christ and the enemy must try and pass through the blood to get to you
- Genesis 7:13
  - Don't leave without getting your ticket purchased in the blood of Jesus Christ
- Genesis 7:16
  - The safety of everyone on the boat depended upon Divine action and human action
    - Everybody that got on board was shut in by God
    - The Bible teaches both the eternal security of the Believer and the eternal insecurity of the make believer - J. Vernon McGee
    - We have to decide on whether we are going to be a Believer or make believer
    - When we do what God tells us to do, build what He tells us to build and it will eventually click, and it won't be you anymore
      - ✓ You probably won't know when it clicks for you, but you will be sure that God has you no matter what
      - ✓ It will become a God thing and God will keep you and preserve you
- 2 Corinthians 1:20
  - Not one person outside of the ark survived, only those who got on board
  - What did the ark pre-shadow?
  - Every type in the OLD Testament refers to Jesus
  - Jesus is the ark
    - You have to get in Jesus to receive the promises
    - Outside of Him, not sure
- Genesis 7:16

- God shut Noah in
  - Everybody was got in and was preserved because of their connection to Noah
  - The only reason we get in is our connection to Jesus
- 2 Corinthians 1:20
  - Our security is based upon our relationship with Jesus
  - When we get in Jesus, all of the favor that is on Jesus falls on us
    - But we have to get out of ourselves and get in Jesus
    - As we get unto Jesus, we can receive what the Word says
    - We die in Adam, but live in Jesus
    - In the OT God had a covenant with people and the people kept messing up and had to sacrifice through the animals, but in the NT the covenant is with Jesus
    - Jesus will never mess up his part, so He became the perfect man through which the covenant it based upon
    - All the benefits of the covenant will be based on Him
    - We are in the ark of safety when we are in Him!
    - Only Jesus hits the bullseye every time!
    - We are to pray in the name of Jesus, not our name
  - Noah's family being protected had nothing to do with them, but everything to do with their connection to him
  - We are the bride of Jesus Christ
    - When we take our vows to accept Jesus, we accept everything about His covenant
    - Same thing as the marital covenant
    - Who we are in Him makes and keeps us safe, not because of our deeds
    - All we do and have depends on God and we should show Him gratitude for who He is and what He has done for us
  - Our prayer life should be based on His gratefulness and holiness and not on our deeds or works
  - If you really believe Jesus is the Lamb of God, why are you examining yourself when you pray, instead of examining all God makes available because of the Lamb?
    - It takes the pressure off you
    - You come through the lamb of God, the only one perfect, able to take away my sin, no blemish or spot
    - We live our lives based on faith in ourselves; work
    - In the kingdom we live our lives based in faith, you cannot be proud, when you realize it's a gift
      - ✓ Everything you have is freely given
      - ✓ Every gift you have is not because you are deep, but because God is gracious
      - ✓ Your gift doesn't make you great
- Romans 3:24

- Grace, justification, and redemption are available because we are in Christ...in the ark
- Someone greater than Noah-Christ Jesus
- If that wooden boat didn't sink the eternal boat of Jesus will not sink
- Romans 6:11
  - Jesus is the captain of the ship
  - The captain goes down with the ship, so if I am in his will He would have to go down before He would let me sink
- 1 Corinthians 5:22
  - When we get aboard with Jesus, we will become alive
  - Jesus' greatest offer was not to make bad people good, but to make dead people alive
  - That new life produces goodness...
  - You are back from the dead, you were snatched from the fire
  - Some of us were smart enough to yell, HELP!