

Surprise Visit 3

Intro: The last couple of weeks we have looked at a couple of God's surprise visits to people in the Bible.

1. Jacob who tried to trick his way through life...
 - a. Name Changed from "Trickster" to "Rules as a Prince with God".
 2. Abraham in His later years who was waiting for God's provision.
 - a. Early on he and Sarah tried to help God out... "Ishmael"
- I. These were personal situations that impacted humanity...
- A. What about global situations?
 1. Right now, we are living in a time where we not only have global situations.
 - a. We hear about them almost instantly...
 - B. Following God in a close personal relationship we can have assurance He will carry us through it.

Genesis 6:9-22

9 This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God. 10 Noah was the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 Now God saw that the earth had become corrupt and was filled with violence. 12 God observed all this corruption in the world, for everyone on earth was corrupt. 13 So God said to Noah, "I have decided to destroy all living creatures, for they have filled the earth with violence. Yes, I will wipe them all out along with the earth!

14 "Build a large boat from cypress wood and waterproof it with tar, inside and out. Then construct decks and stalls throughout its interior. 15 Make the boat 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. 16 Leave an 18-inch opening below the roof all the way around the boat. Put the door on the side, and build three decks inside the boat—lower, middle, and upper.

17 "Look! I am about to cover the earth with a flood that will destroy every living thing that breathes. Everything on earth will die. 18 But I will confirm my covenant with you. So, enter the boat—you and your wife and your sons and their wives. 19 Bring a pair of every kind of animal—a male and a female—into the boat with you to keep them alive during the flood. 20 Pairs of every kind of bird, and every kind of animal, and every kind of small animal that scurries along the ground, will come to you to be kept alive. 21 And be sure to take on board enough food for your family and for all the animals."

22 So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.

- II. Walking in "CLOSE FELLOWSHIP" with God we are very aware of the violence and corruption around us.
- A. Because of this God has promised at least two things will happen...

1. **Another flood...** Metaphorically...

Acts 2:17 "Joel 2:28-32"

'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.

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- a. God is flooding the world with His Holy Spirit...

John 16:8

And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment.

- 1. The Holy Spirit's power of conviction will increase as sin increases...

Romans 5:20 (AMP)

20 But the Law came to increase and expand [the awareness of] the trespass [by defining and unmasking sin]. But where sin increased, [God's remarkable, gracious gift of] grace [His unmerited favor] has surpassed it and increased all the more,

- b. As sin increases God's grace increases even more...

2. Which brings us to the second thing God will do...

God's Grace will increase supernaturally to pour out into the world.

- a. "For wherever sin exists in abundance and is multiplying and constantly expanding...
- b. That is precisely the time and place where grace is poured out in a far greater, surpassing quantity."

"ALL THE MORE" is the Greek word *hyperperisseo*, which describes something that is growing out of measure, beyond proportion, and out of its banks to a far-stretched extreme.

III. Noah built an Ark...

To save humanity...

God provides Jesus as an Ark of promise, protection, and Grace

To save us from humanity...

- A. There are no surprises that will overwhelm us...

If like Noah...

We walk in close fellowship with God.

IV. Prayer