

Thursday, May 25, 1989

1. Pray
2. Sing "Next time I won't leave without you"
3. Turn to first scripture (Genesis 6:5)
4. Give testimony
 - a. Met grandparents (James and Lucille) -- spirit-filled believers
 - b. Met Jewish sister Robin -- saved; has Holy Ghost
 - c. Met P.K. Roger Hilliard -- Nazarine
 - d. Met Terry Reece of Sunrise Ministries
 - e. Now I have the pulpit

God has opened many doors for me, but tonight's message is about how:

God Shut the Door

Given to me by God in mid-to-late April, 1989

Verses compiled in mid-May, 1989

Read Genesis 6:5-7

Read Genesis 6:11-13

Now we know that in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and when he looked down on his work, he said "it was very good" (Gen 1:31). There are seven points that I want you to write down or just remember. The first point is that here we read that THE EARTH HAS BECOME SO CORRUPTED AND WICKED THAT GOD REGRETS EVEN CREATING IT.

The second point is that the THE EARTH WILL SEE DESTRUCTION. We read that in verse 7, 13, and let's read verse 17. (Read Genesis 6:17) All flesh on the earth would die if God did not intervene. Of course we know the story of Noah, and for the elects' sake God did step in. For point 3, you need to remember that GOD TOLD HIS PEOPLE WHAT TO DO. From verse 14 to the end of the chapter, God gave specific instructions for them to build an ark and to go in with food and animals. (Read Genesis 6:18-22)

Now let me paint a picture of what is going on. More than 5,000 ago, here was a man who loved the Lord God Almighty. He was in a world filled with the most hideous sins. That old Serpent called the Devil and Satan had literally deceived the entire world, with just these few exceptions. And they followed after God, and did his commandments to the point where I'm sure the rest of world thought they were crazy.

Now the Bible only tells a vague story, but I can see how the world must have acted to Noah and his family as they built this ark. I can see women laughing them and mocking them. I can see men driving by, Danny, and throwing things at them as they preached to them just trying to warn them about what was going to happen! People haven't changed, and the Devil is up to the same old tricks, but Noah stood firm on the Word of God.

The word Noah means "Rest" or "Comfort", and God brought rest to his people. Point 4--GOD SEPARATED HIS PEOPLE FROM THE WORLD. Genesis 7:16 reads "And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the Lord shut him in." GOD SHUT THE DOOR! Outside the ark were sins of the world, and inside were Noah, his sons, and their wives where the Devil couldn't touch them. GOD SHUT THE DOOR!

POINT 5 -- AFTER 7 DAYS, DESTRUCTION CAME. Read Genesis 7:10-12. For those that were left, it was a Great and Terrible Day of the Lord.

The story gets better though, and the sixth thing I want you to remember (point 6) is that NOAH ENTERED A CLEANSSED WORLD, FREE FROM THE FORMER SIN, AND NOAH GAVE THANKS. Turn over to the 8th chapter, and verse 15. Jump to verse 20 (Read to Gen 8:21 where God smells a sweet savour--Praise).

The last thing I want you to treasure in your mind in what God gave his people. What was it? What did Noah and his family see above them? It was rainbow. I'm sure it was the most beautiful thing that they had ever seen in their lives! It was a symbol of God covenant with them.

Now how did you like that? Wasn't that GREAT?? Glory to God for what he has done for his people in the past!

IN CONCLUSION!, I'm like Woody when it comes to messages like this. I'm glad for what God did in Bible days, but I'm more concerned about what God's doing in this generation.

Doesn't this story sound a little familiar. I mean, what was point 1?

POINT 1 -- WICKEDNESS EXISTED IN THE EARTH

Gen 6:5,11 --God saw the wickedness of man in which every imagination of the thoughts of the heart of man was evil; the earth was corrupt and filled with violence

Sounds a little like what's going these days don't it?

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

This is only the foundation of the message!
Let me tell tonight, God's Gonna Shut the Door Again!

Matt 24:37-39 --BUT AS THE DAYS OF NO-E WERE, SO SHALL THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN BE. FOR AS IN THE DAYS THAT WERE BEFORE THE FLOOD THEY WERE EATING AND DRINKING, MARRYING AND GIVING IN MARRIAGE, UNTIL THE DAY THAT NO-E ENTERED INTO THE ARK, AND KNEW NOT UNTIL THE FLOOD CAME; SO SHALL ALSO THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN BE.

POINT 2 -- THE EARTH WILL SEE DESTRUCTION

Gen 6:7,17 --God says he will destroy man, beast, creepy thing, and fowl from the earth by means of a flood

Rev 24:21-22 --FOR THEN SHALL BE GREAT TRIBULATION, SUCH AS WAS NOT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD TO THIS TIME, NO, NOR EVER SHALL BE, AND EXCEPT THOSE DAYS SHOULD BE SHORTENED, THERE SHOULD NO FLESH BE SAVED: BUT FOR THE ELECT'S SAKE THOSE DAYS SHALL BE SHORTENED.

POINT 3 -- GOD TOLD HIS PEOPLE THINGS TO DO

In Genesis chapters 6 and 7, we read that God told Noah to build the ark, carry on food, and take aboard animals two by two, which Noah did. When Jesus was on earth, he told his disciples:

Mark 16:15 --GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE

Matt 24:14 --AND THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM SHALL BE PREACHED IN ALL THE WORLD AS A WITNESS UNTO ALL NATIONS; AND THEN SHALL THE END COME.

In Luke 10:1, after choosing 70 to carry out some of these tasks, we read that Jesus even sent them out two by two!

POINT 4 -- GOD SEPARATED HIS PEOPLE FROM THE WORLD

Gen 7:16 --And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the Lord shut him in (GOD SHUT THE DOOR)

Hebrews 9:28 --Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Christ is coming back after his church--for a bride without spot or blemish

Matt 25 --Parable of ten virgins

verse 10 --AND WHILE THEY WENT TO BUY, THE BRIDEGROOM CAME; AND THEY THAT WERE READY WENT IN WITH HIM TO THE MARRIAGE: AND THE DOOR WAS SHUT.

God's gonna shut the door again!

(this was a parable--what is that door that God will shut?)

John 10:7 --VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU, I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP.

John 10:9 --I AM THE DOOR: BY ME IF ANY MAN ENTER IN, HE SHALL BE SAVED, AND SHALL GO IN AND OUT, AND FIND PASTURE.

John 10:1--HE THAT ENTERETH NOT BY THE DOOR INTO THE SHEEPFOLD, BUT CLIMBETH UP SOME OTHER WAY, THE SAME IS A THIEF AND A ROBBER.

John 10:10 --THE THIEF COMETH NOT, BUT TO STEAL, AND TO KILL, AND TO DESTROY: I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY.

God Shut the Door!

You say, what's gonna happen when he does?

Luke 17:34 --I TELL YOU, IN THAT NIGHT THERE SHALL BE TWO men IN ONE BED; THE ONE SHALL BE TAKEN, AND THE OTHER SHALL BE LEFT.

Matt 24:40-43 --THEN SHALL TWO BE IN THE FIELD; THE ONE SHALL BE TAKEN, AND THE OTHER LEFT. TWO WOMEN SHALL BE GRINDING AT THE MILL; THE ONE SHALL BE TAKEN, AND THE OTHER LEFT. WATCH THEREFORE: FOR YE KNOW NOT WHAT HOUR YOUR LORD DOETH COME.

I am looking for Jesus to come back for me!

Are you a wise virgin, or a foolish virgin?

For the foolish virgins:

POINT 6 -- AFTER 7 DAYS, DESTRUCTION CAME

Gen 7:10 --God waits seven days to send the flood

Gen 7:12 --And the rain was upon earth forty days and forty nights

The period of tribulation will last 7 years:

Rev 13 --John's vision of the Beast with seven heads and ten horns
verse 5 --and power was given unto him to continue forty and two
months (3.5 years)

Daniel 12:11--and from the time that the dimaly sacrifice shall be taken
away, and the abomination that maketh desolate setup, there shall be a
thousand two hundred and ninety days.

Read Matt 24:29-30

For the wise virgins:

POINT 7 -- NOAH ENTERED A CLEANSED WORLD, FREE FROM THE FORMER SIN, AND
NOAH GAVE THANKS

Gen 8:15-16 --God told Noah to leave the ark (enter into a cleansed world)

Gen 8:20-21 --And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord and offered burnt
offerings on the altar (thanks)

Rev 21:1-3 --And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven
and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I
John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice
out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he
will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall
be with them, and be their God.

And what will WE see? Well, what did Noah see? Huh?

Rev 4:2-3 --And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was
set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look
upon like a jasper and sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about
the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

from verse 8 --Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and
is come.

God, take us home. God, SHUT THE DOOR!

But...

What happens to those left outside the door?

Luke 13:25 --WHEN ONCE THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE IS RISEN UP, AND HATH SHUT
TO THE DOOR, AND YE BEGIN TO STAND WITHOUT, AND TO KNOCK AT THE DOOR,
SAYING, LORD, LORD, OPEN UNTO US; AND HE SHALL ANSWER AND SAY UNTO YOU, I
KNOW YOU NOT WHENCE YE ARE

Luke 13:27 --...DEPART FROM ME, ALL YE WORKERS OF INIQUITY

Rev 3:7-8 --HE THAT OPENETH, AND NO MAN SHUTTETH; AND SHUTTETH, AND NO MAN
OPENETH; I KNOW THY WORKS: BEHOLD, I HAVE SET BEFORE THEE AN OPEN DOOR,
AND NO MAN CAN SHUT IT

Gen 5:29 (n-reference)--Noah means "Rest" or "Comfort"

I Thessalonians 4:16-18 --For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: The we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

>> Wherefore comfort one another with these words.