



11 Lessons from Noah's Ark

- 1. Don't miss the boat.**
- 2. Better listen to God, rather than men!**
- 3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.**
- 4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.**
- 5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.**
- 6. Build your future on high ground.**
- 7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.**
- 8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.**
- 9. When you're stressed, float a while.**
- 10. Remember, the Ark was build by amateurs; the Titanic was built by professionals.**
- 11. No Matter the storm, when you are with God, there is always a rainbow waiting.**

We are a congregation of the Lord's people looking for you. We desire to love our community and neighbors as our Lord has taught us to do. Please allow us to be an encouragement to you as you are an encouragement to us by visiting with us today.

If you have any questions about anything you see or hear today, please stop someone and ask questions. We are seeking to be New Testament Christians, and as such we desire to share what we have been given. We want to be ready to give you an answer for what we do and say (1 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:

Thank you for being our Guest today!

Application Is Almost Everything

A soap manufacturer and a minister were walking together down a street in a large city. The soap manufacturer casually said, "The Gospel you preach hasn't done much good, has it? Just observe. There is still a lot of wicked people, too!"

The minister made no reply until they passed a dirty little child making mud pies in the gutter. Seizing the opportunity, the minister said, "I see that soap hasn't done much good in the world, for there is much dirt and many dirty people around."

The soap manufacturer replied, "Oh, well soap is only useful when it is applied."

The minister said, "Exactly, so it is with the gospel."

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Forgiving One Another Basil Overton

Remember that the Bible teaches many things regarding our relationship to one another, and all it teaches is important. One is preaching an important phase of the Gospel when he preaches what the Lord has revealed about our responsibilities to one another.

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and railing, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God also in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:31,32).

In teaching God's children to forgive one another, the Holy Spirit in the foregoing passage presented the highest example of forgiveness when He commanded Christians to forgive each other *"even as God also in Christ forgave you."* Jesus taught: *"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses"* (Matthew 6:14,15).

"And when they came unto the place which is called the Skull, where they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left. And Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And parting his garments among them, they cast lots" (Luke 23:33,34). "Said" in this text is from a Greek verb that is in the imperfect tense, which is the tense of continuing action in the past. The verse literally means that "Jesus kept on saying, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." This may mean that each time an insult or abuse was hurled at Him, He said: *"Father, forgive them: for they know not what they do."* Jesus wanted even Caesar's soldiers to be forgiven; He wanted the Jews to be forgiven who instigated His crucifixion. On the Pentecost following His crucifixion, the Holy Spirit announced God's conditions of forgiveness for those who crucified His son (Acts 2:36-38).

Jesus, the innocent one was buffeted, beaten, and betrayed; He was tried, denied, and crucified, and yet His first words on the cross were a prayer to His Father that His offenders to be forgiven! His first words on the cross were not a complaint registered against His persecutors; they were not a plea of His own pure and perfect innocence; they were not a cry for vengeance, but they were a prayer for the forgiveness of those who so brutally abused Him.

It is reported that a Zulu chief beat his wife for accepting Jesus. He left her, thinking she was dead. When he returned and found her alive and asking Jesus for help, he asked her what Jesus could possible do for her. She replied, "He can help me forgive you."

A child of God may be unstained by immoral sensual practices; he may be regular in worship service; he may be held in high esteem by men; and yet he may have an unforgiving heart! Perhaps one's heart is never heavier than when it is unforgiving. Someone has said: "Forgiveness is the odor of the rose you crush beneath your clumsy feet." Remember, God commands us to forgive each other as He has forgiven us in Christ.

A ship in the harbor is safe, but that is not what it was designed for.

A Tale of Two Friends

A story is told of two friends walking through the desert. At some point in the journey, they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other in the face. The one who was slapped was hurt, but without saying anything he wrote in the sand:

“Today my best friend slapped me in the face.”

They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but his friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he carved on a stone:

“Today my best friend saved my life.”

His friend asked him, “After I hurt you, you wrote in sand, and now, you carve on a stone. Why?”

The other friend replied: “When someone hurts us, we should write it down in the sand, where the winds of forgiveness can erase it away, but when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone, where no wind can erase it.”

Learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your blessings in stone.

--Author Unknown



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When someone needed a boat made, what did the people in town say?

"We Noah guy."

What did Zachariah do when he and Elizabeth had disagreements?

He gave the silent treatment.

This Week's Q&A

Q: Where in the Bible do we find two brothers blessed and one brother cursed?

A: In Genesis 9:24-27, Shem and Japheth were blessed and Ham (Canaan, see verse 18) was cursed.

Context: After the flood, Noah planted a vineyard, drank of his wine, and became drunk. Ham discovered his unclothed father in his tent and told Shem and Japheth, his two brothers. Shem and Japheth covered their father with their faces turned away from him that they not see his nakedness. When Noah awoke, he knew what had transpired and proceeded to curse Ham and bless Shem and Japheth.

The Devil is not afraid of a dust-covered Bible.

My Friend

*I have a friend I turn to
Each and everyday.
He's always there to guide me
If I should go astray.*

*He gives me strength when I am weak,
He calms my anger, too.
Each and every tiresome day
He helps me make it through.*

*Although I cannot see Him
I know without a doubt,
That when I'm sinking deep in sin
He will pull me out.*

*I'll love my friend forever.
We'll never grow apart.
'Cause while I'm living in this world
I have Jesus in my heart.*

--Aubri Finley

If you stare at your halo long enough, it will become a noose.

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