

THE WEEK OF
June 15th, 2009



Series 5, Number 18
Get on the Boat
II Peter 3:5-7

"For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

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As we move through a comprehensive overview of the end times, we are becoming familiar with the reality that an impending judgment is coming. Peter mentions this future judgment in the third chapter of his second book. It's interesting that the context of this passage is a response to the individuals who mocked the idea of God's judgment by saying "where is the promise of His coming?" It's something that many of us have probably heard or experienced ourselves. But do we respond like Peter? He reminds everyone of the reality that God has judged the world for sin before. He has broken through the natural and meted out a supernatural consequence. And if He has done it before, we should not think, for a second, that He will not do it again. The flood of Noah was a catastrophic event, but God did provide "salvation" from that judgment as well - the ark. How about the future judgment, will God provide salvation from that too? Of course. He has provided an "ark" for salvation, that, by way of analogy, requires human beings to get on the boat, called the body of Christ, the Church. So when we share the gospel, in a real sense we are calling people to escape the judgment by getting on the boat before the door closes. Until we die or Christ returns in judgment, it is not too late. Let's take a fresh look at how we view the lost and share the good news that though judgment is coming God, once again, has provided a life boat.

Read the Proverb and the section of Psalm 119 that corresponds with the calendar day *example:*
If it's the 1st day of the month, read Proverbs 1 and Psalm 119:1-8 (Aleph)

This week consider the flood of Noah and the coming Judgment by fire:

Mon: Future judgment with reference to prior judgment

Tue: The wickedness of men and the righteousness of one man, Genesis 6

Wed: Judgment on the earth and all its inhabitants, Genesis 7

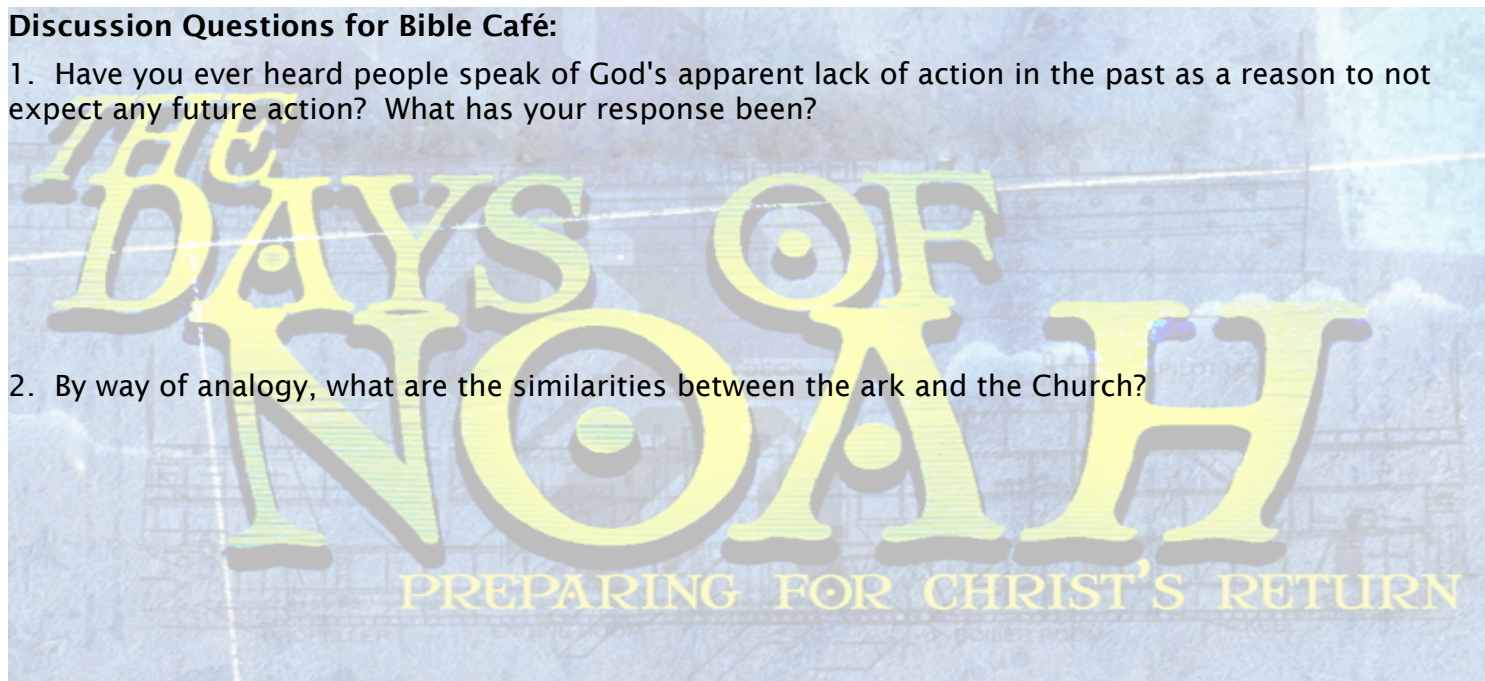
Thu: Salvation from judgment, Genesis 8

Fri: An unconditional covenant, Genesis 9

Discussion Questions for Bible Café:

1. Have you ever heard people speak of God's apparent lack of action in the past as a reason to not expect any future action? What has your response been?

2. By way of analogy, what are the similarities between the ark and the Church?



Prayer Requests of your Bible Café brothers (on back):