Animals of the Flood

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INTRODUCTION

- If you have animals at home and pets that you love like that, you need to thank Noah.
- It was Noah, or really thank God through the work of Noah, that made it such that we can have animals today.
- I think there's at least three lessons that we can learn from these animals of the ark.

1 Others May Suffer as a Result of My Sin

Genesis 6:5–7; Romans 8:20–22; Romans 2:21–24

- It's sadly the case that others may suffer as a result of my sin.
- So God says, I'm going to destroy not just the sinners, but I'm going to destroy everything, man and beast.
- What we see in this utter destruction is that the entire planet suffered because of sin.
- Sometimes we can suffer as those animals did in the deluge because of somebody else's sin.
- I want to order my life in such a way that I can minimize that suffering. I don't want you to suffer because of my actions.
- The cause of God can suffer because of my sin.

2 God Planned Hope for the Future

Genesis 6:14–22; 2 Peter 3:5–13

- When we consider the animals of the flood, God planned hope for the future. Because God didn't destroy everybody and everything.
- You shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you, and they shall be male and female.
- Why bring a male and a female? Because God was planning for the future. God was planning for those animals to multiply.
- In the midst of horrible destruction and judgment, there was hope.
- Nevertheless, we, according to his promise, look for a new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.
- When this earth is destroyed and burned up, he's going to prepare us a new living place, a new heavens and a new earth.

3 God Planned the Provision for Man to Worship Him

Genesis 7:1–3; Genesis 8:18–21; Romans 12:1

- God planned for the provision for man to worship him, because man was meant to worship God.

- You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, male and female, two of the animals that are unclean, a male and a female.
- Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and he took of every clean animal, and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.
- Noah, the very first thing when he came out of that ark was he worshiped God.
- God has made provisions for us to worship him. Because that's what we were meant to do.
- We don't offer some animal today. We offer ourselves as a living sacrifice.

THE CHALLENGE

Would you serve him today? Would you become a living sacrifice by obeying the gospel today?

MY NOTES