



The Ninth Sunday after Trinity.

The Collect.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Noah is an amazing type of Christ. His very name, **Noah** (Heb: Noäch), means rest (or Sabbath). How appropriate that the former world found safe rest in Noah in similitude to the rest we have in the very Lord of the Sabbath "Jesus Christ. *For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day* (Matt 12:8) *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.* (Matt 11:28) We have no need to rest in the Lord the seventh day, any longer, for we now have, in Christ, a seven-days-a-week Sabbath Rest. As Noah's Ark was the salvation of mankind from the old world that existed before the calamitous flood, so is Christ our Ark of Salvation to spare us from the destruction that shall come upon the post-Deluge world. This study has revealed even more of the intricate and delicate beauties of God's Word to me as I have researched the topic from my Holy Bible. I hope you, too, will gather many gems of wonder from this short devotion on **Noah as a type of Christ** and perhaps seek even further benefit beneath the sands of God's Word for more such gems of beauty. An interesting observation: Lamech, father of Noah, died five years before the flood, but Methuselah (his grandfather) died the very year of the flood. (The question that goes begging is this: Did Methuselah perish in the Flood itself?) If so, this would reinforce the biblical truth that salvation is not hereditary as the Jews aver.

Significant points in which Noah a type of Christ:

1. Noah was a savior to the world that then existed. Christ is the Savior of the world as it is, and has existed.
2. Noah built an Ark for the salvation of souls. Christ built His Church for the

Salvation of souls. All humanity who remained outside the Ark perished. The same will be true of those outside the true Church of Christ at His second Advent.

3. Noah was used of God to restore the earth to a better light. Christ came to restore that which had been lost in Eden. Christ came as the Light of the World.
4. God sent Noah **INTO** the Ark. *Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation* (Gen 7:1) God sent His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, **INTO** the world. *God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.* (1 John 4:9)
5. Noah received both clean and unclean beasts into the Ark. So are both righteous and unrighteous mixed together in the church until the Day of Judgment when the tares will be separated from the wheat. *Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn* (Matt 13:30)
6. Only the Father in Heaven knows the hour and day of Christ's return (and of the closing of the Door of the Ark). Only God knew the hour and day of the closing of the door of the Ark on humanity's salvation. God closed the door of the Ark (not Noah), unlike the means depicted in popular movies: *And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.* (Gen 7:16) Those souls, both human and beast, came into the Ark to Noah. *They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort. 15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.* (Gen 7:14-15) *And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.* (Gen 6:19-20 (KJV) The same is true of all souls who came unto Christ. God the Father sends those souls to Christ. *All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day* (John 6:37-40)
7. Noah sent forth a dove from the Ark to determine if the waters were abated. Christ sends forth His Holy Ghost (compared to the likeness of a Dove) to all sinners so that they will know that the wrath of God is appeased in Christ.

We are told in Genesis 6:5 *And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.* Now we are told in verse 8 of the same passage, *But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.* (Gen 6:8) This is a sure and typical characteristic of Christ "God was well-pleased with Noah, and God was well-pleased with His Son, Jesus. *This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.* (Matt 3:17) The conditions facing mankind at the first Advent were also similar to Noah's day. Men in Noah's day were incapable of righteousness. They faced a certain ruin of the coming flood without a provision of salvation. A righteous man, Noah, was God's provision. He preached many years while the Ark was being built, yet no one listened. Were the exhortations of Noah a vain preaching? Not at all! None of those wicked men who rejected the Word

that Noah preached shall be able to say in that Day of Judgment, *°Nobody ever told me.*± It is in this respect that the Word of God is a two-edged Sword " to cut both ways in either **CONDEMNING** or in **CONVICTING** of sin!

God viewed Noah as a righteous man even though the righteousness of Noah was an IMPUTED righteousness, by faith, as all who live by faith are considered righteous, having that righteousness IMPUTED to them by the only ONE who was a righteous Man " Jesus Christ. *Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.* (Luke 23:47) Noah was a righteous man, in his generation, among a world of wickedness. Christ was a righteous man, in His own right, being sinless and perfect in all His ways.

37 *But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.* The world was precisely in the same condition at Christ's first advent as it was in the days of Noah, and it will probably be in an even worse condition at His second advent. *Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?* (Luke 18:8) In a modern world of mega-churches, it is sad to realize that most will not be acceptable to God in the hour and moment of Christ's return. Will you be ready, Reader? Only eight souls were saved in Noah's day. How many shall be saved at the Second Advent?

The Ark of Noah's salvation was made of wood like unto that wood of the Cross upon which the Ark of our Salvation (Jesus Christ) completed His Passion for us. Noah labored long and hard in the construction of the Ark, and faced the ridicule and humiliation of those about him who believed not. There is no mention of any help Noah received from his sons. He worked alone to provide salvation of his family from the coming judgment. Did not Christ do the same and in greater, and much more remarkable, degree? He labored alone, for only He could build His Temple of Salvation, for mankind.

Noah, upon the completion of his work of salvation built an altar unto the Lord: *And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar* (Gen. 8:20). Likewise did Christ make an offering unto God, His Father: *Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor* (Ephesians 5:2) Of course, the offering of Christ was a greater sacrifice for Noah offered of the animals sent unto him, but Christ offered Himself " the only perfect and satisfying offering for our sins.

And God blessed Noah and his sons" (Gen. 9:1). Noah and his whole household was blessed by God. God also has blessed those who believe through His Son, Jesus: *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.* (Ephesians 1:3).

God established an everlasting covenant with those belonging to Noah, and with those belonging to Christ: *And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, And I, behold, I establish My covenant with you, and with your seed after you.* (Genesis 9:8, 9) and *Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant.* (Hebrews 13:20)

38 *For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking,*

marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. This prophecy holds a two-fold meaning: the first represents the coming destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., the second represents the world condition at the Second Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ. The world is, today, fat and happy (seemingly, though they know not their true misery and nakedness). They mock the preaching of the Word of God and have attempted to banish its revelation from every public square. The world is eating, and definitely drinking; the world is also marrying, and **GIVING IN MARRIAGE**. The institution of marriage is a final and conclusive act. Any relationship of giving in a marriage relationship outside that marriage is vile and sinful (which may be the meaning here). Please observe the low regard for God's first Institution that He instituted at the Garden in Eden. Adultery is today considered a **CHOICE** (or lifestyle) and not a **SIN**. For the first time in the history of the civilized world, nations, and particularly the United States, have given the credibility of marriage to that filthy and abominable sin which the Bible labels as **SODOMY**. I need not point out to the biblically literate readers of this devotion the view that God has of such sinful approbation by governments and societies, or what hard judgment this will bring against the perpetrators.

We are living, today, as it was in the days of Noah. Just as in the days of Noah, the Ark of God is receiving souls who shall be spared the coming conflagration, which will come, not in the form of water, but fervent heat. Are you safely in the Ark of Christ?