

**TELECAST SERMON FOR
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“STANDING BETWEEN THE FLOOD AND THE RAINBOW”
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Thank you Melvin!

The signs of the times are upon us, because the hearts of men are turning towards ungodliness. Today, there is an unbelievable amount of turmoil all over the world, brought on by man's hate, greed, and desire for supreme power. Therefore, it is more important than ever to seek and find Jesus. I pray that my sermon, entitled, **“STANDING BETWEEN THE FLOOD AND THE RAINBOW,”** will give you the opportunity to consider what Jesus has to offer you, if you will but hear His voice.

I caution you, don't reject the Word of God, and above all, don't reject the Lord. Hopefully, in due time, others will be able to see Jesus in you, rather than merely, you in you. Always bear in mind, many are called, but few are chosen. If you want to spend eternity in Paradise with the Lord, then you want to be among the chosen. Let us begin with the sermon.

The Bible tells us that there is an appointed time when Jesus Christ will return to this earth to catch away His waiting Bride, the 144,000 Believers, to live with Him in eternity. While many of the particulars regarding the Kingdom of God remain a mystery, what has been revealed to mankind today, is sufficient incentive to motivate lost souls from sin, to salvation in Christ Jesus.

As believers, we can rejoice that we have a hope that is wonderful, inspiring, and exhilarating. As the present global events make it more evident that the return of Jesus Christ is imminent, we must look up for our redemption draweth nigh.

We must recognize that the time left before His return is short, and we must work out our salvation with much fear and trembling. All mankind in this present world must come to realize that we are living in a generation that might usher in the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, in our life time.

Let us examine the very familiar story of Noah, and the ark he built. During that generation, the heart of man despised the righteousness of God, and preferred to live in sin. The lifestyles and behavior of that generation infuriated God.

The stench of sin ascended into heaven, and it grieved His heart, so much so, that God repented that He made man upon the earth. And the floodwaters came and devoured all life that was not in the ark.

After the flood, the souls created in the image of God, were left standing between the flood and the rainbow in a place of Spiritual decision. Their renewed environment compelled them to live in the righteousness of the God Who saved them, and thus it caused them to give God all the praise and the glory.

This decision and state of mind helped to reinforce the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and made it clearly

evident, that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. This dramatic reaction also demonstrated God's fury against sin, and simultaneously displayed His loving mercy toward those who will believe in Him.

Genesis 7:1 paints this picture, "And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation." The dimensions of the ark made it a sizable and stable seaworthy craft.

The ark measured 450 feet long, one and one half-football fields; 75 feet wide, equivalent to the width of a football field; and 45 feet in height. Visually, it was long, with its width equivalent to one third of its length, and relatively low in height.

It had one large door located on its side, and one window at the top. The dimensions of the ark were unique and specified by God to ensure it would be capable of carrying and harboring all those, whom God would bring into the ark.

The generations that followed after the flood, and even those in this present day, will find themselves in a special place of having to make a very crucial Spiritual decision. On one side they have the evidence showing how God deals with sin, and on the other side, they can choose to experience God's mercy and grace given to all those who will believe in His plan of salvation.

The great flood of the Old Testament is God's Spiritual wake-up call to all mankind, and we must take God's warning very seriously. The entire earth was flooded with water after raining non-stop for 40 days and nights, and even the highest mountaintops were covered by approximately 23 feet of water.

God's floodwaters remained upon the earth for 150 days until it began to recede. During those 150 days, all flesh died that moved upon the earth. Nothing was spared...both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, every creeping thing, and every man.

All life was lost, and only Noah and those who were in the ark with him were spared. And the Lord God instituted an everlasting agreement with Noah. It would be in excess of a year, 365 days, before Noah and all those that entered into the Ark would walk on dry ground.

God provided a rainbow, as His sign to mankind, that life upon the earth would not be terminated by His floodwaters again. This long-suffering of God acted as a means for Noah to seriously work out his own personal salvation.

Prior to the flood, God had made an effort to retrieve all mankind from his sinful ways. His purpose given to Noah was to preach His Gospel of Salvation for 120 years, with the hope, that all mankind at the time would have the opportunity to come to repentance.

However, the outcome of Noah's preaching for 120 years was to see that only 8 souls...Noah and his wife with his three sons and their wives...were saved. I Peter 3:18-20 provides this confirmation, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

By which also He went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometimes were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is eight souls were saved by water."

God's floodwaters that destroyed the earth were the same waters that saved all those who were in the Ark. The Spiritual character of God is the same to all. Jesus Christ presents Himself to the people of this world as their Savior and Redeemer.

But to those who choose not to believe in Jesus Christ, He will return as their just Judge Who is adamantly against the sin that is within the sinner. As we search God's Word, we can easily see how God could have started the whole process of creation again, but He did not.

Regardless of the severity of the sins of mankind, God used the preaching of the Gospel of Salvation to reconcile mankind back to Him. And if through Noah's preaching a greater amount of souls would have repented, God may have then spared the earth's inhabitants from being completely eliminated.

Of even greater Spiritual significance, mankind today stands in a place of similar and equal importance. Today, we now find ourselves between the return of Jesus Christ in clouds of glory... "Jesus Coming Soon," and the coming Tribulation Period.

Hence, the Gospel of the Kingdom of God is continually being preached today, in the Apostolic Faith Churches in Hawaii and in the Philippines, to both unbelievers and believers.

What lies ahead for believers is the soon coming return of Jesus Christ in clouds of glory to rapture His waiting Bride and Body of Christ, the true Church. And what lies ahead for unbelievers is the coming Tribulation Period.

Therefore, it is high time, for mankind everywhere today, to make the right choice by choosing Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, Master and Lord. We who live in this present Dispensation of Grace, will come to experience the power of God's Holy Spirit, and His Spiritual manifestations in a greater measure.

God's transformation of mankind in Christ Jesus from sin to salvation does not come by one's own abilities. It comes through the salvation of Jesus Christ that He achieved by His sacrifice on the cross of Calvary.

Perhaps, dear television viewers, you are still under the influence of earthly traditions, and are being bound by the firm grip of sin. You may have tried to overcome your shortcomings through your own strength, and have been unsuccessful.

Even though you may be able to restrain yourselves from participating in sin, you cannot clear your conscience of that sin. That is why God's Word in Mark 1:14-15 clearly relates, "Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the

gospel."

John the Baptist is mentioned by the prophet Malachi as the designated forerunner of Jesus Christ. John performed his work wholeheartedly and was faithful to his calling until the very end. He preached the righteousness of God, and stood firmly against sin.

That is what brought about his death. Yet he performed God's purpose in his ministry, to prepare the way, compelling all to believe in the Son of God, Jesus Christ, Who would take away the sins of the world.

However, John's ministry was limited to the repentance of sins only, and it could not remove sin or give eternal life. It did not promise the gift of the Holy Ghost, and it could not heal the sick, the afflicted or the tormented. Only the Gospel of Jesus Christ could bring victory over death, hell and the grave.

John knew the limitations of his ministry, and denied being the Christ, or Elias, or the prophet Israel sought after. Let us read John's words in Matthew 3:11, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:"

Let us examine the words of Jesus Christ given to Nicodemus in John 3:5, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

And in the 6th to 7th verses it reads, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

When Jesus Christ approached John on the banks of the River Jordan to be baptized by him, John said to Jesus Christ, "Shouldn't you be baptizing me?" Jesus Christ humbly responded, "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him."

Jesus Christ demonstrated and set the pattern of good works for all mankind to follow. In God's plan of salvation, every aspect of the plan had to be fulfilled. And thus, Jesus Christ said that it must be done, to fulfill all righteousness. This is why it was needed for John to baptize Jesus Christ, to justify mankind's faith in God.

Jesus Christ, on the other hand, knew no sin, yet He humbled Himself and was baptized with the baptism for the repentance of sins. He, too, fulfilled God's righteousness before all mankind that God's plan of salvation might be perfected in Him.

This is confirmed in I Peter 3:21, "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Acts 2:38 explains God's perfect act of baptism that everyone must do, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

The Spiritual definition of repentance is, "Godly sorrow for sin."

Jesus Christ's arrival in the theater of life confirmed the words found in Mark 1:15, "...The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the Gospel." When Jesus Christ came into the world, He thereby fulfilled every aspect, or tittle, of God's law. Simultaneously, He fulfilled the purpose of repentance, and baptism for all those who will believe in Christ Jesus.

This is confirmed in Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

This says that everyone must be baptized by immersion in water in the name of Jesus Christ, and be filled with His Holy Spirit, speaking in an unknown tongue as evidence to confirm God's Word that we indeed are filled with the Holy Ghost.

God invited Noah into His designated ark of safety and said, "Because of thee, have I seen righteous before me in this generation." Let us read on in Genesis 9:11-17, "And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth."

When the earth recovered from the floodwaters, God gave Noah a sign of His mercy, grace, and long-suffering. The agreement God made with man was to never destroy the earth by flood again. However, it did not mean that He would not send judgment again, against a sinful and rebellious people.

On that note, the New Testament foretells of a final judgment coming upon the earth that will

involve God's heaven-sent fire. Those, who abide in His righteousness and live according to His promise, can look for a new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwells God's righteousness.

The sign and presence of God's rainbow does not indicate that there will be no more storms. In fact, it is just to the contrary. Since God's great floodwaters, many storms have occurred and were devastating at times, but that was the extent of it.

As intense as those storms have been, the earth has been spared because of God's covenant and exemption from a second deluge. Though generations since have chosen to live in sin, the rainbow is God's eternal reminder to mankind that though the world does deserve punishment, He has given mankind a season of mercy and grace to get ready for His return.

At the Mount of Transfiguration, Peter, James, and John witnessed Jesus Christ, speaking to Moses and Elias. The physical appearance of Jesus Christ was transfigured into a glory that could only be of heaven. The face of Jesus Christ shone as brightly as the sun, and His garments were as white as the light.

The brightness of His garments is God's confirmation of the heavenly glory that surrounded them. And the presence of Moses and Elijah strengthens the promise of eternal life that is very real to every believer.

It confirmed the faith of Moses who died under the law, and the faith of Elijah who exercised the law, but never saw death and was raptured from the earth.

Jesus Christ, in the midst of them, was acknowledged by a voice from heaven which said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And when they lifted up their faces from the ground, recovering from their frightened state, they saw no man, save Jesus Christ only.

Every example set forth by Jesus Christ confirms that salvation is found in Him alone as the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and there is no other as Proverbs 18:10 reads, "The name of the lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe."

Therefore, it behooves every man, woman and child to accept Jesus Christ, as their personal Lord and Savior today, and at this present time, hour, minute and second.

Romans 8:18-23 reads, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

As believers in Christ Jesus, we have a reward that exceeds all understanding and human comprehension. Having this knowledge, we press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus.

Along the way, we may have to suffer test, trials, and persecutions. Yet we accept the fact that we are subject to suffering for righteousness sake, although at times, the level of our suffering in Christ Jesus may seem unbearable and relentless.

However, like His Apostles, we believe that the glory and blessing we will receive when Jesus Christ returns, will far out weigh all the sufferings we will ever have to bear upon this earth. For the Lord Jesus Christ is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Jesus Christ does not want to see His creation have to suffer eternal damnation. It is His desire that not even one soul perish. However, salvation is a personal matter, and a personal choice given to mankind by Jesus Christ, to escape the worldly pleasures that lead to eternal damnation.

Our redemption, which we now possess are the first fruits of the Gospel. However, achieving our final consummation of redemption is yet to come. Today we enjoy the experience of being saved and being filled with God's Holy Spirit.

Today, we are still subject to death. Yet, we look forward to the soon coming of Jesus Christ in clouds of glory to catch away His Church with the words, "Come Up Hither."

The earth, since its renewal from the floodwaters, yearns to be cleansed with fire, resulting in a new heaven and a new earth. Paul relates in I Corinthians 15:51-54, "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So, when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory."

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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Head Pastor William Han, Jr. expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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