

**"Ignoring the Warnings"**

**Genesis 6**

**Introduction:** I had planned to do a message on the sovereignty of God this morning but that all changed on Friday evening.

**Illustration of missing a stop sign:**

I truly believe that God has been doing many things to get the attention of not only the unsaved of the world but also those who are His children. We have seen COVID 19, we have seen lock downs, we have seen shortages in the markets, we have seen the push for globalism, we have seen tyranny with the government, we have seen churches told that they were not permitted to open, and the list goes on and on. All of these things happened in a very short period of time. God has allowed all of this to happen as a warning sign to the world and to His people. These are wakeup calls to the church and the sad thing is many are missing it.

When it all started, and the churches closed many people were frightened and they longed to get into a church. Then as things began to open up and people started coming back the concern began to subside and now many have gone back to their old patterns, and many have all but abandoned the church. They are back to enjoying what the world has to offer.

**Hebrews 2:14-15**

*<sup>14</sup> Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;*

*<sup>15</sup> And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

Many who call themselves believers have turned to the world and have surrendered to the temptations that are out there. Summer arrived and they are living like they must go and indulge in every kind of activity possible before the summer comes to an end. They have a fear of missing out on life. God has been pushed to the side and it is now all about living life to the fullest. They give no thought to the command of God in Hebrews.

**Hebrews 10:24-25**

*<sup>24</sup> And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:*

*<sup>25</sup> Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

I want to show you several verses in 2 Timothy that pertain to the last days.

**2 Timothy 3:1-4**

*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*

<sup>2</sup> *For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,*

<sup>3</sup> *Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,*

<sup>4</sup> *Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;*

This is a description of what the church will be like. This is not a description of how the world will be in the last days. The world always fits this description. This is what is happening in the church!

**2 Timothy 4:2-4**

<sup>2</sup> *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.*

<sup>3</sup> *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;*

<sup>4</sup> *And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

You need to examine your life to be sure you are not a part of this "FALLING AWAY".

In our study of the book of Ephesians we looked at three verses that fit well with the message we are going to consider today.

**Ephesians 3:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> *Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.*

<sup>15</sup> *See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,*

<sup>16</sup> *Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*

Getting back to our main point; God is allowing things to happen as warnings. You see He always gives a warning before He brings a judgment. There is a judgment that is coming upon this world and so today we are certainly seeing the warning signs.

Today we are going to look at a message from Genesis.

### **The Warning Signs of Noah's Day**

In Noah's day God gave many warning signs to the people before He brought the flood upon the earth.

#### **1. The Prophecy of Enoch**

##### **Notice Genesis 5:21-24**

Enoch was a special man. He was a man whom God raised up to proclaim the Truth of God's Word.

##### **Jude 1:14-15**

*<sup>14</sup> And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,*

*<sup>15</sup> To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.*

Enoch was not shy! He stood in the face of sin, and he proclaimed the coming judgment of God. But that was not all.

##### **Notice Genesis 5:21-22**

There seems to have been a special revelation given to Enoch when Methuselah was born.

Methuselah's names meant "when he dies it shall come". God had given a special revelation to Enoch and made him to understand that when Methuselah would die there would be a great judgment.

##### **Notice Genesis 5:27**

Methuselah lived longer than any other individual. He lived for 969 years. Now let us understand that this was God's grace to these sinful people. The very year that Methuselah died the flood came. God stretched His grace out as far as He could before the flood would come.

**Application:**

The warnings of Enoch's prophecies and the aging of Methuselah was all ignored by the people of Noah's day. Let me show you, their response.

**Matthew 24:37-39**

*<sup>37</sup> But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

*<sup>38</sup> For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,*

*<sup>39</sup> And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

These people continued to live for the appetites of the flesh. Just as many are doing today and even many believers of today. People are too busy doing all they can to satisfy the desires of the flesh. Today we do not have prophets for we have the completed Scriptures. But we do have the prophecies in the Bible that foretell us what to look for as this world moves toward the Tribulation.

**Let me give you a side note concerning Enoch:**

In the midst of an ungodly society he made the choice to walk with God and not with the world. No matter what the circumstances are of our day they can never be used to justify sin in our lives. No matter what everyone else does we are to live lives of holiness.

**1 Peter 2:9**

*<sup>9</sup> But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;*

*The word "peculiar" means, "NOT COMMON".*

**2 Corinthians 6:14-17**

*<sup>14</sup> Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?*

*<sup>15</sup> And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?*

*<sup>16</sup> And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

*<sup>17</sup> Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.*

## 2. The Preaching of Noah

### Notice Genesis 6:1-5, 8-14

There are two announcements in these verses which God had for Noah. There would be a major judgment in 120 years and Noah was to build an ark to escape the judgment.

Before we get to the preaching of Noah, I want to also point out the increasing sin of these days. Mankind was so corrupt that EVERY imagine of his heart was evil continually. The increase in evil should have been a warning to the people. They should have known that something was going to happen.

#### Application:

I believe we can safely say that in our day you can certainly sense that something will happen. Man cannot continue on the path he is on because eventually he would completely destroy himself. Even the unbelievers of our society know that our world cannot continue on the path that we are on. Something is going to happen! This too is a warning. We know that God will eventually judge this world.

Now let us get back to Noah.

### 2 Peter 2:4-6

*<sup>4</sup> For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;*

*<sup>5</sup> And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*

*<sup>6</sup> And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;*

Here we see that Noah was a preacher. He had the message of a coming flood and that it would happen in 120 years from the time the ark was started. Therefore we can understand that he preached of the coming flood while he built the ark. The building of

the ark would have also been a warning. He worked day after day on the ark. I am sure he was heckled and harassed but he stayed the course which should have been a warning to the people.

But they listen not to his messages, and they paid no attention to his faithfulness. So, they all perished.

**Application:**

Today God uses preachers to warn people of the coming judgment. There are many who are preaching on the current events in our world. But the problem is many do not want to listen. They attend the services and hear the messages and then go right back out and live for the world. They have calloused their hearts and regardless of the message they are not moved.

**Hebrews 3:13**

*<sup>13</sup> But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*

**3. Unusual Events**

**Notice Genesis 7:7-9**

Two of each animal came to the ark and entered on their own. This was not a normal event. This unique event should have caused the people to repent but it never moved them.

**Application:**

There are many things that have happened over the last year that point directly to the Tribulation.

- Push for globalism.
- Push for socialism.
- Abuse of power.
- Attacks upon the freedom of speech.
- Attacks upon the freedom of worship.

These are just a few of the events that are precursors for the Tribulation. All of these too are warnings.

The world is being shaken and many have fallen asleep.

**Conclusion:**

**Matthew 25:14-19**

*<sup>14</sup> For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.*

*<sup>15</sup> And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.*

*<sup>16</sup> Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.*

*<sup>17</sup> And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.*

*<sup>18</sup> But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.*

*<sup>19</sup> After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.*