

Selah

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Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.

Genesis 7:17

In Genesis 7 we have the account of the flood that God brought upon the earth. Every living being that drew breath was destroyed, except Noah, his family and the animals he brought on the ark. As the rain came down and the flood waters prevailed, we are told that the ark rose “high above” the earth. We are told 4 times in the next 7 verses that the waters “prevailed” over all the earth.

The waters can sometimes rise high in our lives, but there is a place of safety the Lord Himself provides. He promises that the waters will not overflow His people (Isaiah 43:2). The thing that allowed Noah to experience God’s protection safely inside the ark was obedience. We are told in Genesis 7:5 that “Noah did according to all that the Lord had commanded him”.

When the floods of life rise we may be tempted to abandon the walk of obedience and seek to please ourselves instead of our God. We may want to eat, or spend, or think or view things that gratify our flesh instead of things that satisfy our soul. But we must resist the temptation and draw near to God and He will draw near to us. The more closely we walk with Him, the more safely we will dwell.

Throughout the storm God’s eye never left His servant Noah, and His eye never leaves you (Ps 33:18,19). He is your faithful friend who never leaves you to fend for yourself. He is the ark that will take you high above the prevailing waters of life as you abide safely in Him.

God bless you as you continue your walk of obedience today!

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