

Calgary L'chaim Bible Fellowship
Teaching Notes on Parasha 6 (Tri-Cycle Reading)
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Torah portion: Genesis 8:1-14
Haftarah (Prophets): Habakkuk 3:1-15
Apostolic Writings: Revelation 1:9-20

“God Remembered Noah”

Introduction:

The word “remember” does not mean remember in a sense that God temporarily forgot about Noah. Not an expression that indicates mental recall.

Rather it means that God gives a “special thought” indicating an action based on a previous commitment by God Himself.

The issue is God’s faithfulness to His Covenant (Genesis 6:18).

Understanding the Covenants will let us discover our special relationship with God in terms of a “covenantal relationship” which is one of the most basic foundations of our biblical faith in the Messiah.

Main Outline:

The text teaches that the Covenant promise to Noah includes provision and protection in the midst of judgment.

Also the narrative teaches us the movement of triumph of mercy (grace) over judgment.

Example of instances that the word “remember” was used in a sense of “movement toward an object” associated with HaShem’s reliable faithfulness to his covenant.

1. God remembered Abraham with a view to saving Lot (Gen 19:29)
2. God remembered the Patriarch with a view towards Her restoration (Exodus 2: 24)
3. God remembered Ephraim with a view towards extending mercy to him (Jeremiah 2:2)
4. God remembered Israel with a view towards sending their Messiah (Luke 1:54-55)

Torah Practical points:

God does not forget His promises to us, even if we think it is, we are always in HaShem’s mind. He has greater plans for us looking forward.

We may even think from time to time that God blesses others more than His own children, we may feel forgotten, but let us be encouraged that HaShem sees us all equally and does not forget us/you or our/your needs. He is always on time in answering our prayers.

Challenges of life are experiences that comes in this fallen world. We cannot eliminate them, we endure them with the grace of our Abba Father. Yeshua even mentions in John 16:33 that “we will have tribulation in this world.”

Key point in the Haftarah (Prophets) section of Habakkuk 3:1-5:

“In wrath remember mercy” – A prayer for the gracious combination of divine judgment tempered by God’s mercy – HaShem’s Grace!

Key point in the Apostolic Writings section of Revelation 1:9-20:

John the beloved introduced himself as

1. “partner in tribulation”
2. “patient in endurance that are in Yeshua”
3. “on account of the Torah and the Testimony of Yeshua”

This exhorts us to endure and remain faithful in the midst of persecution and temptation.

Torah Practical Points from James 1:2-18 in understanding suffering from the vantage point of confidence in God’s sovereignty:

“ Understanding God’s Mercy and Grace When Things Are Hard”

1. Adonai is at work in our trials and uses it to mature us (James 1:2-4)

Consider it all joy! We can be joyful in trials because God is always in the picture.
The end result of our trials is that we become mature in our faith.

2. Ask Adonai for wisdom in our trials (James 1:5-8)

Seek God’s wisdom in the person and in the teachings of Yeshua our Master and Lord.

3. Never Lose sight of Adonai’s goodness (James 1:12-18)

Let us not make a practice that when trials comes, we blame God is it’s not going well.
HaShem is good and He is immutably perfect in His goodness.

Conclusion:

Noah continued to follow HaShem’s instructions and He rewarded him overwhelmingly in the end.

In our struggles and moments of weakness, God remembers you and sees the pain even before you tell him of it.

Let us always focus our attention to the “Author and Finisher” the “Alpha and Omega” of our Faith!

We pass through the refiners fire, the insignificant, the unimportant of our life will melt away and this makes our faith as bright as diamonds!

Baruch HaShem!

Be blessed L’kulam in Yeshua Messiah, Lchaim!

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