



**Series:** Genesis

**Passage** Genesis 8:1-9:1

**Title:** Rest for the Soul

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**Discussion Starter** – The world is degrading into moral corruption. How do we combat this decline and encourage our loved ones while experiencing and walking in a “peace that passes all understanding”?

**Noah Waits on God** – (8:1-9:1)

- In what context are we understand that “God remembered Noah, and every living thing in the ark” in verse 8:1? How might this verse be interpreted incorrectly? What key word sets the tone for this verse?
- What promise did God make to Noah at this point in time? What are some of the promises God has made to believers in His word? What promises from God’s word do you hold on to?
- What steps of faith can we take to better trust in these promises? Read Exodus 6:5. What insights are gained about God’s promises in this verse?
- Why is it important for us to remember to pray God’s promises?
- What are some of the unique design elements that are not included in the ark God detailed for Noah to build? What does this show us about Noah and what can we learn from his example?
- Read Isaiah 26:3-4 and Philippians 4:6-7. What is meant by “perfect peace? How does this happen? What is our part?
- In what ways is the ark a picture of Jesus? What can we learn about depth and richness of our salvation as we compare the ark to Jesus?
- Unlike Noah, why are we so prone to impatience in the face of trials?
- What role does gratefulness and patience have in the trials we face? What do we learn from Noah?
- What was the total time Noah was on the ark? How long was he there after it landed on Mount Ararat?
- Why is the date the ark landed on Mount Ararat important? How did this impact the calendar?
- What is the significance of Noah sending out the birds from the ark?
- Why do you think Noah was able to wait patiently for God before he left the ark? What might he have focused on to ward off impatience? What might have been some practical reasons he waited on the ark?
- What was Noah’s first act after he departed the ark? What does this act reveal about Noah’s heart toward God?
- Where do you find rest for your soul?
- What have you learned this week from the testimony of Noah that encourages you in the face of your daily circumstances?