

“AND THE LORD REMEMBERED NOAH”

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“And the Lord remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.” (Genesis 8:1)

To say that the “Lord remembered Noah” is an example of describing the actions of an infinite God in a way that we can understand. There was never a danger of God forgetting Noah and all who were on the ark. It is saying that God was faithful to His word to bring everyone on the ark safely through the flood. This is why He caused the waters of the flood to subside. God “remembered” Noah by doing what He had promised. The Bible speaks of God remembering Abraham (Gen. 19:29), Rachel (Gen. 30:22), and Hannah (1 Sam. 1:19). God is said to remember His lovingkindness and faithfulness (Psa. 98:3) as well as His word (Psa. 105:42). The word translated “remember” means to turn attention to someone and act on their behalf. This is what the Lord is doing when He “remembers” someone.

If you are like me, then you always want the Lord to remember you! We want to echo the words of Psalm 106:4 saying, “Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have toward Your people; oh, visit me with Your salvation.” How wonderful to know that God loves us and wants to save us! Let me add this – when an all-knowing God says that He will not remember our sins (Jer. 31:34; Heb. 8:12; 10:17), it means that He will not act on our sins to punish us. It is as though He “forgets” them. This is the blessing of forgiveness in Christ! As we all struggle with forgetfulness, I am comforted by the fact that God remembers us. I am confident that He always gives His attention to His people and acts in our best interest. I need to remember God each day of my life, giving full attention to things concerning His kingdom (Eccl. 12:1; Matt. 6:33; Col. 3:1-2).

Each day God remembers us in every blessing we enjoy. Have you remembered God to obey Him and His word today?