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# Calvary Chronicle

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## *The Pillar and Ground of the Truth*

### ***Welcome:***

The membership of Calvary Baptist Church would like to thank you for visiting with us today.

We are a church that is Baptist in doctrine; we take what we believe directly from the Bible, and we try to teach and preach only what the Bible declares. If you would like to learn more about us please ask or look up our church web-site: <http://idahobaptist.com> or like us on Facebook. You can also join our services by clicking on “Join.me/idahobaptist” on your computer or smart phone.

### ***Prayer Requests:***

Our missions – Okla., Wash., Colo., Idaho  
Bro. Fred Nimmo – Recovery from broken hip.  
Sis. Winene Nimmo – Arthritis & cancer  
Bro. Steve Kjeldgaard – Leukemia.  
Bro. Bill Asmundson – Leukemia, general health.  
Sis. Linda Brown – Severe back pain.

### ***Schedule:***

Men’s Prayer Meeting – February 2.  
Next Fellowship Sunday – February 18.  
Family Camp – July 29 to August 2.

### ***To suppose God to perform ...***

any work which he did not at first design to perform, is to charge him with a degree of folly, and with acting below an intelligent agent. – [On the other hand], to suppose him to design to do a thing which he does not effect, is to tax him with impotence. If it is an instance of the wisdom and power of man first to design a work, and then to perfect it; the great God, who is infinite in both these perfections, must design what he effects, and effect what he has designed. If we consider him as infinite in wisdom, and of almighty power, there cannot be a more rational way of arguing than from his acts to his designs. – Sladen

### ***Services:***

Sunday School – 10:00 a.m. **I Thess. 2**  
Morning Service – 11:00 a.m. **Hebrews 10:23**  
“An Unwavering Profession of Faith”  
Brother Austin Fulton  
Afternoon Service – 1:30 p.m. **I Thess. 1**  
“God’s Trumpet”  
Wednesday Evening Service – 7:00 p.m.

### ***Of late years there has been ...***

a very visible decline, and a night is coming on, which we are entered into; the shadows of the evening are stretching out apace upon us, and the signs of the eventide are very manifest, and will shortly appear yet more and more: coldness and indifference in spiritual things, a want of affection to God, Christ, his people, truths and ordinances, may easily be observed; the first love is left; iniquity abounds, and the love of many waxes cold; and it will wax yet colder and colder, and will issue in a general forsaking of assembling together, and in an entire neglect of the ministers of the gospel; when such who have been professors themselves will be shy of them, and carefully shun them.

– John Gill, 1697 – 1771 A.D.

### ***All that I have ever taught of...***

art, everything that I have written whatever greatness there has been in any thought of mine, whatever I have done in my life has simply been due to the fact that when I was a child my mother daily read me a part of the Bible and daily made me learn a part of it by heart. – J. Ruskin

### ***Doing leads more surely to ...***

talking than talking to doing. – V. Havner

### ***How hard it is to believe ...***

what seems contrary to our interests.

## *How strange we decorate ...*

children's play areas with Noah's Ark themes. While we paint cute animals on church walls, the real Flood event was horrific. "And all flesh died that moved on the earth." Peter wrote, "The world that then was being overflowed with water, perished." Scenes of such carnage would terrify toddlers.

The Flood was God's judgment on a wicked world. It might seem a drastic action for a loving God to take, but much good came from it. It's like having surgery. Nobody enjoys their body getting sliced and stitched, but a skillful operation can restore health and extend life. Let's count some of the many graces that Earth's ancient watery surgery extends to us.

We drive or ride to work, school, here and there. What fuels trains, planes, buses, and cars? Petroleum products, of course. And all that oil and gas came from Noah's Flood. It buried massive amounts of algae beneath and within sediment layers. Algae bodies degraded under heat and pressure to form most oil and gas. So, every time we fill up the tank, we have God's judgment to thank.

The same goes for coal. Pure coal deposits don't form today. It took the Flood to dismember, sort, and bury whole forests across thousands of square miles, where the same heat and pressure that produced oil also darkened and compressed the plant material. Coal-burning power plants help make our electric gizmos go. So, we should thank God for His grace through judgment whenever we turn on the lights.

Next, everyone thrills at the sight of a rainbow. God placed it there to remind us He will never completely flood Earth again. He has kept that promise for over 4,000 years! Dramatic landscapes offer another grace from Noah's Flood. Hordes flock to picturesque parks like Zion Canyon. What do we see when we visit? Water-laid sediments and striking valleys, both from Noah's Flood.

In the Flood, God cleansed the world of violent creatures. Flood fossils show that flying reptiles and birds had teeth and claws; dinosaurs had teeth, claws, and giant jaws; and even mammalian monsters could have mangled mankind. By God's grace, He reduced these threats so today we enjoy a calmer planet.

The Flood introduced mountain ranges and oceans between places where people live. These buffer the spread of evil. When one nation gets so bad that it deserves destruction, the human race can thrive in another place all by God's grace through the Flood.

God's graces extend from Noah's Ark, too. Americans keep more dogs and cats than children nowadays. The Ark kept them from going extinct! Two dogs and two cats went inside with eight people. Now we can enjoy pets. Have you ever savored an apple or bread made from grains? God was thinking of you when He commanded Noah, "And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them."

Finally, the Ark points to the Savior, Jesus. Just as the eight people escaped judgment by entering the Ark bodily, we can escape future judgment by entering (trusting) the Lord Jesus spiritually. He is God the Son as well as Eve's promised Seed. Jesus descended from Shem, whom God preserved on Noah's Ark. As a result, "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God."

– B. Thomas, ICR

## *Worry is simply ...*

a commentary that God hasn't handled things as we think He should have.

We might never have heard of Daniel if he had not been thrown into the lion's den.

– B. Kazee

## *Nothing but free grace ...*

makes any difference between me and the devil.

– Unknown



