

Casting Down Imaginations

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

I am delighted today to share that portion of the Bible around the story of Noah. So if you open your Bible to **Genesis chapter 6**, you will have some idea of what we are talking about.

I have just been traveling for ministry with my husband to many places. All the time, I have been reading an exciting book called, *Noah's Ark: Fact or Fable?* Actually, it was written by Victoria Cumming in about 1972. It has been so inspiring to my heart to realize that all through these years, there is the ark on Mount Ararat. In His timing, it is going to be known worldwide. In the meantime, there are some things that have happened. I do not know if you know, but in 1916, a whole expedition was sent by the Czar of Russia, who went and not only found their ark, but also they had taken all the measurements. They had all the details. As they sent these back over to Moscow, just at that very time the Bolsheviks took over and the courier, who had all these details, was killed.

Time and time again, I kept reading about this ark, Noah's ark. I read, for example, it is really like a barge and actually the measurements and how it would land in the water and be deep in the water. There was an American battleship, the SS Oregon, round about World War I, which was designed by the measurements

of the ark. It not only went through tremendous storms, but actually survived a typhoon. In other words, the ark, if you think of it, is like a barge. It is not this children's idea of the giraffe sticking out its head out from the top window! It is an incredible, incredible design, which God gave to Noah.

This is all to do with the terrible days when, as we read in **Genesis 6** -

5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth . . . Boy, doesn't that sound like today? . . . and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. You say, "Well, what about my mind? I find my imagination is not what it should be at times. My mind wanders."

Well, there is a verse to help you. **2 Corinthians 10** -

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal -that is, if we are in Christ - but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds - that means literally to the pulling down of fortresses; things from yesterday that have established themselves in your imagination.

5 Casting down imaginations . . .

There is God, in **Genesis 6**, speaking about . . . ***the wickedness of man . . . every imagination of the thoughts of his heart were evil.***

There is Christ, **2 Corinthians 10** —

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that

exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

I have found that the Scripture tells us we are to continually renew in the Spirit of our mind. That means that whatever you are doing at this split moment, you are thanking the Lord and praising Him; renewing in the Spirit of your mind all that is of Christ. *Thank You, Lord, fill afresh, bathe, cleanse. Fill afresh ; let it be Your mind through my mind.*

Now we read in this same little section in **Genesis 6 -**

7 And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. It repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth; it grieved Him in His heart! You know, these are tremendous words of what God was looking on when He saw man that He had created. But you remember, Adam had sinned. And because of this, every child born after Adam had this sinner nature. What is more, every child even coming from Noah still had this sinner nature.

That is why the urgency for the person today to realize we cannot change ourselves. We have to be changed by the Spirit of God and become a new creation. You look out on a wonderful night and you see the stars perhaps. You behold the handiwork of God as you see the waves coming in on the waters to the shore. You also look at

the great mountains. You see the trees and the flowers. God's creation! But remember that in Christ Jesus, we are to become a new creation in Christ Jesus.

“Oh,” you say, “but I never thought about it like this.” We are talking about Christ who is our ark, our place of refuge in the storm; the only One who could bring us through this hopeless position we are in, in our sin and our need. Christ Jesus died to make that possible. For you today, right now, can you say, *I want to glory just in the Lord — I want that it should only be Him?* **For Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.** You can find grace in your very position right now as you turn to Him.

Please write for that book, *Your Quest for God*. I know it is going to help you. In the meantime, turn to that passage of **Genesis 6** and see what God is yet doing for you, as He did in the day of Noah. The Lord bless you. We love you. Write and tell us all that is going on in your life.

God bless. Bye-bye.