

Sermon Quotes
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“From many thousands of years ago, Abel speaks to twentieth-century man. This man who lived when the earth was new, who was of the second generation of mankind, has something to teach modern, sophisticated, technological man. He lived in a far distant age, in a far different culture, with far less light from God than we have. But what he has to tell us is more relevant than anything we are likely to read in our current newspapers or magazines.”

—John MacArthur

In David’s Time

Psalms 51:16-17 “For you will **not delight in sacrifice**, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. (17) The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; **a broken and contrite heart**, O God, you will not despise.”

Malachi 1:10-11, 13 “Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors (*of the Temple*), that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the LORD of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. (11) For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering...But you say, 'What a weariness this is,' and you snort at it, says the LORD of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the LORD.”

Mark 7:6 And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “This people honors me **with their lips**, but their **heart is far from me...**”

John 4:23 “But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the **Father is seeking such people** to worship him.”

Genesis 6:5-6 “The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (6) And the LORD was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.”

The focus of the Christian faith should never be on our ability to believe, but on God’s ability to save, God’s goodness and mercy, His holy character, His faithfulness to His promises and His unchanging Love.

The focus of our Faith...is *Him*.

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Look at what it says next:

Genesis 6:7-8 So the LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” (8) But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.”

“Noah could have said, ‘I believe that God is going to judge the whole world with a terrible flood.’ But if he had not built the ark and climbed on board, he would have perished in the flood. To save himself and his household from the flood, Noah had to translate his faith into what Eugene Peterson called, ‘*A long obedience in the same direction.*’

—Steven J. Cole

“Although Scripture does not record it, there can be no doubt that the world would have ridiculed a man who spent a fortune over a century building a huge ship on dry ground, miles from any ocean. It must have been the best entertainment for miles around, to go over and watch old Noah work on his ship...But in spite of having no friends to support him in his labors, and in spite of over a century of being thought of as the world’s greatest nut case, **Noah believed the word of God.**”

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To be saved, we must by faith obediently respond to God’s warnings of future judgment.

“Just as the ark was the *only* means of salvation from God’s judgment for Noah and his family, so the Lord Jesus Christ is the *only way* that God has provided for salvation from His coming judgment on the whole world. Everyone on board the ark was saved. Everyone not on the ark was lost. Everyone who has trusted in Christ’s shed blood will be saved. Everyone who has trusted in anything else will be lost...God has issued a clear warning: A ‘Category 5’ storm of judgment is heading toward everyone who dwells on earth! The door of His ark is still open. Flee to Christ and you will be saved. Scoff at the warning and you will be lost forever. Imitate Noah’s faith and obedience. Join him as an heir of the righteousness according to faith.”

—Steven J. Cole