

# Message Notes

## "The Flood and the Manger"

# Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

### Introduction - "That's just wrong..."

A look at last week on the Fall and the Manger

### Noah's Ark - A Children's Story?

Genesis 6:5-8, 13-14

### The Incarnation: A Biblical Theology of Christmas week two - The Flood and The Manger

1. God is Just. Period.

2. And yet, His justice is complicated...

Genesis 9:8-13

3. Mocking God!!

Isaiah 57:1-6

4. God mocked...Justice? Yes, and Love!!!!

Isaiah 57:14-21

5. God's Love is NOT inconsistent with God's Justice!

Romans 3:25-26

6. The Crazy Love of God!! Christ took on mocking to bring you to himself!!

Luke 18:31-34

Luke 23:11, 32-41

Romans 5:8

A.W. Tozer - *The Knowledge of the Holy* (p. 94-95)

### Application - Do you savor the manger?

#### Genesis 6:13-14

<sup>13</sup>So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. <sup>14</sup>So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out.

#### Genesis 9:8-11

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

#### Isaiah 57:1-6

<sup>1</sup>The righteous perish, and no one ponders it in his heart; devout men are taken away, and no-one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. <sup>2</sup>Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death. <sup>3</sup>But you—come here, you sons of a sorceress, you offspring of adulterers and prostitutes! <sup>4</sup>Whom are you mocking? At whom do you sneer and stick out your tongue? Are you not a brood of rebels, the offspring of liars? <sup>5</sup>You burn with lust among the oaks and under every spreading tree; you sacrifice your children in the ravines and under the overhanging crags. <sup>6</sup>The idols among the smooth stones of the ravines are your portion; they, they are your lot. Yes, to them you have poured out drink offerings and offered grain offerings. In the light of these things, should I relent?

#### Isaiah 57:14-19

<sup>14</sup>And it will be said: "Build up, build up, prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people." <sup>15</sup>For this is what the high and lofty One says—he who lives for ever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. <sup>16</sup>I will not accuse for ever, nor will I always be angry, for then the spirit of man would grow faint before me—the breath of man that I have created. <sup>17</sup>I was enraged by his sinful greed; I punished him, and hid my face in anger, yet he kept on in his willful ways. <sup>18</sup>I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will guide him and restore comfort to him, <sup>19</sup>creating praise on the lips of the mourners in Israel. Peace, peace, to those far and near," says the LORD. "And I will heal them."

#### Romans 3:25-26

<sup>25</sup>God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—<sup>26</sup>he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

#### Luke 18:31-34

<sup>31</sup>Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. <sup>32</sup>He will be turned over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. <sup>33</sup>On the third day he will rise again." <sup>34</sup>The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about.

#### Luke 23:11, 32-41

<sup>11</sup>Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate... <sup>32</sup>Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. <sup>34</sup>Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. <sup>35</sup>The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar <sup>37</sup>and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." <sup>38</sup>There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup>We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

#### Romans 5:8

<sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.