Clips from Psalms

Psalms 107:8-9
The Lord Delivers Men from Manifold Troubles

"Oh that men would praise Jehovah for his lovingkindness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good."

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NOAH, THE MOVIE

Director Darren Aronofsky has struck a chord of religious furor throughout the world for his movie, "Noah." Russell Crowe stars as the character Noah that depicts the Genesis account of God flooding the world due to its wickedness. The movie has many blatant changes from the actual Biblical account of Noah. There are giant rock like creatures that are said to be cursed angelic beings that eventually help Noah build the ark and fight against the wicked. Noah is depicted as a confused man who does not understand God's objective in flooding the world. Noah even attempts to murder Shem's two baby daughters that are born while on the ark. Tubal Cain hitches a ride on the ark as the world floods. The stowaway eventually attempts to murder Noah, with the help of Noah's son Ham. There is no doubt that the movie is marred in Biblical contradictions. The movie has been banned in Indonesia, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Barhaim and Qatar (mostly Islamic countries).

The object of this article is not to slam the ungodliness of the movie. Our object will be rather to observe the outcome of such movies and events in the lives of men. The Times Record News in Wichita Falls Texas printed an editorial in the April 11, 2014 edition that gave me the idea to write this article. A man writes that cloud seeding is not the cause of a recent 1.8" rain but rather it was the results of Baptist preachers getting together and praying. These Baptist preachers met each day for a week and prayed for the forgiveness of the city's sins and this was the cause for the rains. How should true Christians view the rains and the Noah movie? One thing we can see is opportunity!

Facebook, for a while, was blowing up with so called Christians...
claiming that they walked out of the Noah movie after only ten minutes. Offended "Christians" could not believe that such a movie was permitted to run seeing that it contradicted the Bible. Similarly, rain comes to a drought stricken area and many religious groups are claiming responsibility. Jesus tells us to glorify God through our obedience to his authorized words (John 15:1-10). Will these religious people now apply their demand for Bible accuracy and answered prayers to all their lives? Will the religious minded person who walked out of the Noah movie NOW open their eyes to religious error all around them? Will this same person look at the denominational church they attend and see with clarity the discrepancies in its identity, work, organization, and worship? Will the one who prayed for rain now glorify God by following his authorized will? Will these people demand the true God of heaven to be in all areas of their lives (Colossians 3:17)?

True Bible Christians should view the Noah movie as an opportunity to teach the gospel. If people are so concerned about Bible accuracy then hold their feet to the fire in every area of life. Challenge them to see what the Bible has to say about salvation and the redemption of mankind. Challenge them to see and accept what the Bible says about the one true church. Challenge them to see and accept what the Bible says about drinking alcohol and immorality. Challenge them to see and accept what the Bible says about faith and obedience. The Noah movie should be a springboard for Christians to make the ungodly hold to their new found convictions. If they can see the demand to portray the Noah story accurately then they should demand accuracy in the Bible story of Abraham, David, Jesus, the apostles, salvation and the New Testament church. Now is the time for Christians to be more active than ever before! Now is not the time for Christians to be whining about the inaccuracy of movies like Noah. Wake up, there is religious inaccuracies all around us. Why are you so surprised at this one? Remember, Jesus said, "19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: 20 teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:19-20).

John E Robertson

**Local News**

**Welcome to all Our Visitors.** It is our prayer that you will be edified by our worship service today. If you have any questions regarding what we teach or practice please be our friend and talk with us.

Keep Nina Gray in your prayers. Nina continues to have problems with her eyesight and tremors. Unfortunately a lot of the medicines have side effects that are troubling.

**Stella Davidson** remains under home hospice care and continues to do well even though she is confined to a wheel chair.

Keep **Gregory Manning** in your prayers. Gregory is a member of our local church while being incarcerated. You may write him at:

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"1 In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame! 2 In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me! 3 Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. 4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man. 5 For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. 6 Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you. 7 I have been as a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge. 8 My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all the day. 9 Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent. 10 For my enemies speak concerning me; those who watch for my life consult together 11 and say, 'God has forsaken him; pursue and seize him, for there is none to deliver him.' 12 O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me! 13 May my accusers be put to shame and consumed; with scorn and disgrace may they be covered who seek my hurt. 14 But I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more. 15 My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge. 16 With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone. 17 O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. 18 So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come. 19 Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you? 20 You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again. 21 You will increase my greatness and comfort me again. 22 I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. 23 My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed. 24 And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long, for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt."

**Psalms 71**