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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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Rising to the Top

Mount Ararat - is a snow-capped, dormant volcanic cone in Turkey. It has two peaks: Greater Ararat (the tallest peak in Turkey, and the entire Armenian plateau with an elevation of 5,137 m/16,854 ft.) and **Lesser Ararat** (with an elevation of 3,896 m/12,782 ft.)

By now I guess you are asking, are we teaching history now? Yes and No. Take time to read and review the next passage.

GENESIS 8:1-5 NKJV – (1) Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that *were* with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. (2) The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained. (3) And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. (4) Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. (5) And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

It all started at ground level. God told Noah to build an ark, Noah obeyed. Noah also took time to witness to the people. God told Noah the measurements to how the ark was to be built, Noah never complained, but instead he obeyed. God instructed Noah to bring two of every kind of animal into the ark. Noah obeyed. God told Noah to bring his family into the ark. Noah obeyed. God told Noah to collect plenty of food. Noah obeyed.

GENESIS 6:22 NKJV – (22) Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

God then instructed Noah to close the door of the ark. Noah obeyed. Then it rains forty days and forty nights. The earth is totally flooded and mankind is destroyed! As it continued to rain the flood caused the ark to rise at a higher and higher level. Finally, when the rain decreased, and the land became dry again, the ark rested on this very mountain.

What is my point? When we are obedient. Not complaining, not rationalizing, not doubting God, we will rise to the top just as Noah did! The following verse explains it all.....**GENESIS 6:9 NKJV** – (9) This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. We might not be perfect, but it never too late to start walking with Him. Many of us have become content in thinking we have made it to the top. Let us attempt to match our testimony with Noah's.

SCRIPTURE READING

DANIEL 7:13-14

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

To win in a relationship, don't keep score.

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