

All the Animals and All the Creatures Came Out of the Ark, One Kind After Another

8: 18-19

REFLECT: Are you more of a doer or a talker? Do you find yourself picking and choosing the areas of your obedience with God? Or is your heart eager to please in *all* the areas of your life? Can you identify this fruit of obedience? What is or has been the fruit of disobedience in your life? What can or did you do about it?

Waiting for **the LORD's** timing is one of the most difficult things we have to do. **Noah** and his family had been in **the ark** for about a year. They must have really wanted to get off that **ark**! But **Noah** waited for **ADONAI** to show him when he should leave.¹⁵⁸ Just as he had been obedient when **God** had told him to build **the ark**, here **Noah** was obedient to go out of **the ark**. **Noah** had not uttered one word. **He** was a doer more than a talker. **So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.** This is the last of five times Mrs. **Noah** is mentioned in the Bible (**6:18; 7:7 and 13, 8:16 and 18**). No one knows where **she** stood with **Elohim**, but the question is one **she** needed to answer. Did **she** side with **her** neighbors or with **her** husband? There was no middle ground. The fact that **they** were still married after all the stress **they** had been through spoke volumes. As one of eight that was saved, we must believe that **she** was a righteous, blameless, obedient servant of **God**.

All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds - everything that moves on the earth - came out of the ark, one kind after another (**8:18-19**). Our **love** of **God** is made clear as we obey Him. **Yeshua** said: **Whoever has My commands and obeys them, is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I too will love them and show Myself to them** (John 14:21). This does not teach that our works save us; rather it teaches that the one who believes and **obeys** **Christ's** Word is loved by Him. Saving faith comes from **obedience: the obedience that comes from faith** (Romans 1:5).