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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Gen. 8:1 *But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and He sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded. (NIV)*

I absolutely love the **'but God'** statements in scripture. They are a reminder to us that even when it seems there is no way, God can make a way. Such is true with today's scripture. Early on in the scheme of things, the LORD sent enough rain to flood the earth. The scripture reminds us of how far 'man' had drifted away from God. **Gen. 6:5-8** *The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. The Lord regretted that He had made human beings on the earth, and His heart was deeply troubled. So the Lord said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. (NIV)*

When I read this passage, I wonder if the LORD feels the same way today? How could it have been worse than it is now? It seems that most people are only selfish all the time. What is interesting is that we are reminded in **Mt. 24:37** *As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. (NIV)* I can just imagine the hurt in the heart of the LORD as He views the state of mankind. But God has already told us what is going to happen! **1 Thess. 4:16-18** *For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. (NIV)*

Dear LORD, thank You that You are faithful. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen, Come LORD Jesus.