

MARGARET and I went to see 'Noah' in the cinema in Cardiff the other day, and what a great and spectacular film that is.

Once Margaret had averted her eyes and hidden behind my back every time the snake appeared, symbolising sin, everything was fine.

What impressed us was the way the film does not hesitate to tackle difficult subjects which are as important today as they ever were, such as sinfulness, revenge, compassion, anger and, above all, our duty to protect everything that God created beautiful and indeed our failure in meeting up to all His requirements and expectations.

Yes, I guess certain liberties had been taken compared to the Noah story as we know it in our Bible, but the film is a sincere and serious attempt at showing us God's understanding for us as His created beings ever since the word go.

Several times in the film we are reminded that 'In the beginning there was... NOTHING'.

Again, not quite biblical perhaps, as surely God had to start with something, even if it was only a drop of oxygen. We do not know. But from 'nothing', if that is what we choose to believe, He created everything and everyone, and if we feel at times, as the film suggests, that what was ideal is anything but today, then we can thank God for the 'free will' that He gave us, which means we can know how to do what is right but also fall into the trap of doing wrong.

The incredible thing is that God knows us and loves us also when we go wrong, and forgives us every time we truly repent.

So, yes, if you have not already seen 'Noah', do go. It is great that biblical epics are made and everlasting and profound truths shared and encouraged on the big screen. We sat there right until the last credits as we wanted to see where the movie was filmed. Iceland it was, and how beautiful and magnificent the scenery. How majestic is all God's creation (and His created beings), and we are duty-bound to keep it so.

Thought for the weak



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