

Cherished Bible Stories

Lesson 5



The Story Of A Flood (Genesis 6-9)

Introduction

Adam introduced sin into the world, ruining God's perfect creation (**Gen. 3**). After 10 generations and at least 1,656 years, society has plunged into such depths that God sees He only has one option...He must completely destroy the world. This story chronicles the man and his family who "found grace in the eyes of the Lord" (**6:8**). It teaches us that even though everyone else around us may be doing wrong, even one person can live in ways that would meet with God's approval.

Read the story and be prepared to answer the following questions.

- 1) The identities of the 2 groups mentioned in **6:1-2, 4** have been often debated. Who do you think were the "sons of God" and "daughters of men?"
- 2) Describe man's condition before God. (**6:5**) What did God conclude? (**6:6-7; cp. 1:31**) Who was the "exception?" (**6:8-9**)
- 3) What were God's instructions to Noah? (**6:13-14a**) *Thought question:* how does **6:14b-16** relate to the view most people have...when it comes to serving God, He isn't concerned with specifics?
- 4) What else did God tell Noah? (**6:17-18**) How does **Heb. 11:7** help us understand Noah's perspective in all this?
- 5) What commands were given re: the animals & food? (**6:19-21; 7:2-3**)

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- 6) How does **6:22** serve as a good "summary" verse that describes Noah? *[Relate your answer back to the last part of Question 3.]*
- 7) When did the flood begin? (**7:6, 10-11**) How long did it last? (**7:12, 17**) How "severe" was it? (**7:19-20**) What did it cause? (**7:21-23; cp. 6:7**) How long did water "prevail" on the earth (**7:24**)
- 8) What eventually happened and when? (**8:2-5**) What happened next? (**8:6-7, 8-12**)
- 9) How long was Noah in the ark? (**8:13-19; cp. 7:11**)
- 10) How significant were Noah's actions in **8:20**? (**cp. 7:2-3**) What did this cause God to do? (**8:21-22**) How did God "confirm" these plans? (**9:8-17**)
- 11) After reading this story, how might we better understand the following N.T. passages?
- Mt. 24:37-38 _____
- 1 Pet. 3:20-21 _____
- 2 Pet. 2:5 _____
- 2 Pet. 3:3-15a _____
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