

Genesis - Lesson 06

Genesis 6

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Memory verses for this week: ***Psa 92:1 A Psalm or Song for the sabbath day. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: Psa 92:2 To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night, Psa 92:3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.***

Introduction: We continue our study on the book of Genesis this week as we continue in chapter six on the topic of the earth being corrupted by sin.

I. CONDITIONS ON THE EARTH

Gen 6:1 *And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,*

Gen 6:2 *That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.*

All of mankind comes from the two sons of Adam. There were two branches of the human family. The two sons were Cain and Seth who replaced Abel as the righteous branch of the family. In Chapter 4, we studied about the descendants of Cain.

Gen 4:16 And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

Gen 4:17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

Gen 4:18 And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech.

Gen 4:19 And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

Gen 4:20 And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.

Gen 4:21 And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.

Gen 4:22 And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah.

Gen 4:23 And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt.

Gen 4:24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.

There were many kinds of people with many different traits and occupations. There were city builders, inventors and metal workers. In verse 19 we are told of the first

polygamists. Others mentioned included musicians, inventors, and metal workers. Lamech boasts of murder in verse 23.

The righteous line were the descendants of Seth.

Gen 4:25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

Gen 4:26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

From this branch of the family, there were some that called on the Lord it says in verse 26. At least there were some that walked with God.

Gen 5:22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

In verses 1 and 2 of our text, we see the mixing of the two branches. There has been a lot of false teaching in regards to verse 2 through the years. The sons of God were not fallen angels. Fallen angels are not called Sons of God.

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

Job 2:1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

In the account here in Job, although holy angels are called sons of God, Satan nor any fallen angel ever has been called a son of God. It clearly states that "Satan came also." Jesus in his earthly ministry made it clear that angels do not marry.

Mat 22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

Since angels do not marry (because God did not create them to do so), they would have had to create their own ability to do so. Unthinkable! Nothing in the Bible says that angels could marry human beings. We see what the fallen angels are facing at this time based upon Jude 6; and II Pet. 2:4-7.

Jud 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

2Pe 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

2Pe 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

2Pe 2:6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrhah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should

live ungodly;

Men and women began unholy marriages which has followed a pattern to this very hour. Marriage of saved to unsaved, saints to sinners, is a wrong principle.

2Co 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

2Co 6:15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

There are many reasons to marry a partner for life, but physical beauty is a wrong basis for marriage. Israel was forbidden to marry the heathen.

Gen 24:3 And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

Gen 28:1 And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

Jos 23:11 Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God.

Jos 23:12 Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you:

Neh 10:29 They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes;

Neh 10:30 And that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons:

Young people need to be warned of this danger. If you want God to bless your life, follow his blueprint and you can't go wrong.

Gen 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

The Warning Of God is clear in verse 3. God is so long suffering and full of mercy.

But man can push this beyond the limit. God does in mercy strive with man. Yet, there is a limit to God's mercy and patience.

II. THE EXTREME SINFULNESS OF MAN

Gen 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

Gen 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

These verses in Genesis point out what man achieved, and most of it was bad. There were giants in the earth according to verse 4. These giants are not the offspring of angels. Giants were in the earth again after the flood.

Deu 3:11 For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

Jos 14:12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

1Sa 17:3 And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them.

1Sa 17:4 And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

1Sa 17:5 And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass.

1Sa 17:6 And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders.

1Sa 17:7 And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.

This was an age of violence and great strength. Verse 4 speaks of fighting men when it calls them "Mighty men" and "men of renown." However, the one thing that stood out the most was the wickedness. The wickedness of man was great. All of the time the thoughts of men were on evil continually.

Luk 17:26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

Luk 17:27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and

destroyed them all.

2Pe 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

2Pe 3:4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

2Pe 3:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

2Pe 3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

2Pe 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

III. God's Reaction To Man's Sin

Gen 6:6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

Gen 6:7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

God saw this great wickedness of man. We can hide sins from man, but nothing is hid from God. Sin is abhorrent to God and He was grieved at this heart it says in verse 6. The Lord said he would destroy man whom He had created from the face of the earth as well as the beasts, creeping things, and fowls of the air. Sin is something God can not stand. The bible in Psalms says God is angry with the wicked every day.

Psa 7:11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

IV. GOD'S GRACE IN OPERATION

Gen 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Gen 6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

Gen 6:10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

We talk about how great it is to live in the dispensation of grace rather than the dispensation of the law. But you know what, God has always had grace. All the old testament saints were saved like we of the new testament are saved. The only difference is they looked forward to the time in the future when Jesus would come and pay for their sin debt, where today we look back and know He has already come and paid the penalty for our sins. All of the blood of bulls and goats in the old testament did not take away one sin, but pointed to the one who would. Verse 8 says Noah Found Grace in the eyes of the Lord. If you've been saved, you've experienced the

loving Grace of our almighty God. In chapter six of Genesis, this is the first mention of grace in the Bible. "Grace" is God's unmerited favor. We have done nothing to warrant the grace and mercy of God. It is all of God. This is God's grace, not Noah's.

I was called in this past week for Jury Duty. As the lawyers presented their positions, they explained that this would be a civil case, not a criminal case. In a criminal case, the prosecuting attorney must present evidence to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that the person accused is guilty. However in a civil case, both sides present their evidence, and the side that presents the most compelling evidence to the law in question wins as long as they show more than 50 percent. This is called the preponderance of the evidence. As I listened to this, it occurred to me that probably many are confused about salvation today due to thinking that salvation comes to us like a judgment in a civil case. If we have done more good works (51%) rather than bad, we will be saved. However, when we are judged by God, it won't be a civil case at all. It will be a criminal case, and the bad news according to the Word of God is we are all found guilty due to sin. The only way we will be found 'not guilty' is to have accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. This and only this payment by Jesus' shed blood will satisfy our sin debt and allow us to enter heaven.

What God's Grace Produced In Noah.

1. He was a just man. Justified in God's sight and by God's power.
2. He was perfect in his generation. Complete and upright in God's sight.
3. Noah walked with God. v. 9

Noah and Enoch were the only two before the flood, of whom it is said, "Walked with God."

4. God gave Noah three sons that knew the Lord.
5. Noah was a preacher of righteousness.

2Pe 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

6. He was a man of faith.

Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

II. Parallels between Noah's day and Second Coming of Christ

Gen 6:11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

Gen 6:12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

Gen 6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the

earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

There were several things in common with Noah's day and the upcoming date when Christ returns to this earth.

Mat 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Mat 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Mat 24:37 But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Mat 24:38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

Mat 24:39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Mat 24:40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Mat 24:41 Two *women shall be* grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Mat 24:42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

In Noah's day, they were living as if time would never end. It says they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage. That pretty well defines the hour in which we live. Verse 39 in our text from Matthew talks of how there will be much unbelief by the majority of the people. This wicked unbelief is what causes man to be separated forever from God.

Mar 3:28 *Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme:*

Mar 3:29 *But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:*

Just as Noah preached before the flood, the truth will be preached in the last days, but unbelief will cause them to "know not." "When they shall say peace and safety."

1Th 5:2 *For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.*

1Th 5:3 *For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.*

There were similar conditions in the world during Noah's time to the time when Christ will return to the earth again. Genesis records that the world was "corrupt" and filled with "violence" in verse 11 of our text.

Things are already like this today, and the bible promises that things will wax worse and worse until we are taken out in the rapture, and then things will become the worst of all times for the next seven years.

2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2Ti 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

2Ti 3:3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

2Ti 3:4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

2Ti 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

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2Ti 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

2Ti 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

III. Noah the Man that God Used

Noah was a man who love the Lord and it says in verse 9 that he walked with God.

Gen 6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

We may walk in the world without walking with the world. We may be in it, but not of it. We can live a separated life and not look at this world as our home, but look for a new city coming down from God just like Abraham did in his lifetime.

Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Heb 11:9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

Heb 11:10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Heb 11:11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

Heb 11:12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

Heb 11:13 *These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*

Heb 11:14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

Heb 11:15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they

came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

Heb 11:16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

If our hearts are right and we seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us, we may be in the world and yet walk with God.

Gen 6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Gen 6:14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

Matthew Henry in his commentary pointed out how God told Noah exactly what was going to happen.

God told Noah that he would destroy the world (Gen 6:13): *The end of all flesh has come before me; I will destroy them*; that is, the ruin of this wicked world is decreed and determined; *it has come*, that is, it will come surely, and come quickly. Noah, it is likely, in preaching to his neighbours, had warned them, in general, of the wrath of God that they would bring upon themselves by their wickedness, and now God seconds his endeavours by a particular denunciation of wrath, that Noah might try whether this would work upon them. Hence observe, (1.) That God *confirmeth the words of his messengers*, Isa 44:26. (2.) That *to him that has*, and uses what he has for the good of others, *more shall be given*, more full instructions.

Isa 44:26 That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:

Walking with God reveals something. There is both holy companionship and a common purpose. In Noah's case, in verse 13 God revealed His purposes. God let Noah into the innermost secrets of His plan. While God does not speak audibly to man today like he did in Old Testament times, God will reveal many things to us and this is done through His Word by the illumination of the Holy Spirit. We read these verses earlier, but these tell us exactly what will happen in the near future.

Mat 24:37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Mat 24:38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

Mat 24:39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Rev 1:1 *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:*

Rev 1:2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

Rev 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

Noah was given instructions on how to build the ark, and he was a man that wrought the works of God. Not only did he build the ark exactly to the blueprint given to him by God, he preached to the people of his day that they needed to repent because destruction was coming. God in His grace has chosen redeemed men to work for Him, and with Him. Many today have new plans and new ways to reach people in ministry, but we are to follow His orders just as Noah had to do.

When the apostles were thrown into prison for preaching the Gospel, they continued obeying God without fear or favor of man.

Act 5:27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them,

Act 5:28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

Act 5:29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

Act 5:30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

Act 5:31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Act 5:32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

Act 5:33 When they heard that, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them.

1Co 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

1Co 11:2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.

Many today would consider Noah non-effective as not a single soul ever repented and turned to God with the exception. But look how far reaching the effect of Noah's ministry was. First there was his saved family, through which God preserved the human race and animals that were in the ark. And Noah was an instrument of God in typifying the 1st. coming of Christ. Who can tell how God will use our service. (Of course it was God working through him. How we ought to desire to be used of God). People that are truly used of God typically are not people of lots of talents, but humble people willing to let God use them for His honor and glory.

1Co 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

1Co 1:24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

1Co 1:25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

1Co 1:26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

1Co 1:27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

1Co 1:28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

1Co 1:29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

When I was driving home Friday night from visiting with my grand kids, I heard James Mc Arthur preaching on the radio. He asked a simple question. Do you really trust God with your life? He said if your answer is "maybe", or "most of the time", or "some of the time", you have some real faith issues. We must believe with ALL OUR HEARTS to be in synch with God and have perfect fellowship. He said if God is your co-pilot, you need a new pilot. We are to let God guide us in all things, even those things in life we may not understand.

Noah was a man who took God at His Word and obeyed God implicitly. Examples of great men in the word of God have a common thread, they all obeyed God with single minded faith.

Gen 6:22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Exo 40:16 Thus did Moses: according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did he.

Jos 1:7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

Jos 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Jos 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

IV. The Ark and its Significance

Gen 6:15 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

John Gill in his commentary mentioned that this was a very large boat. Nothing had ever been built on this scale, and it was thousands of years after before another even came close to its size being built.

Noah's Ark was the largest sea-going vessel ever built, until, the late nineteenth century when giant metal ships were first constructed. The Ark was approximately 450 feet by seventy five feet; but as late as 1858 "the largest vessel of her type in the world was the P&O liner, "Himalaya", 240 feet by thirty five feet..."In that year, Isambard K. Brunel produced the "Great Eastern", 692 feet by 83 feet by 30 feet of approximately 19000 tons ... five times the tonnage of any ship then afloat. So vast was Brunel's leap that even forty years later in an age of fierce competition the largest liners being built were still smaller than the "Great Eastern" ...

Gen 6:16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

Gen 6:17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

Gen 6:18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

Gen 6:19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

Gen 6:20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

Gen 6:21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

Gen 6:22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

This is a true record of how the human race was preserved. Nearly all races of men have some tradition that is similar to what the Bible reveals about Noah, the ark and the flood. This is because it is an historical fact, but this also shows how history is distorted, when not grounded in God's Word. Only those in the ark would survive.

There is clear typology in the Ark. The ark is clearly a type of Christ. When you know Christ as your Savior, when you've been born again, then you are safe in the ark, safe in Christ. Salvation is the door to God. If you want to be saved, you must come the one way. Many in Noah's day heard that a storm was coming, but they just rejected the idea as crazy. But once that door closed, no one outside the ark was saved. People today reject Christ as Savior and claim there are many alternatives to reach God. Man's logic has always been faulty, and if you believe the world, you'll miss the greatest gift ever given to man.

Joh 14:1 *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.*
Joh 14:2 *In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*
Joh 14:3 *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*
Joh 14:4 *And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.*
Joh 14:5 *Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?*
Joh 14:6 *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

The ark is also typical of security. When Noah entered, God shut the door, and no one could leave or enter. Light came only from above. The window was in the top. Just as in Noah's day, all true light comes from above. When we need light, look up to Christ.

Verse 14 says the ark "pitched" within and without. Pitch is a form of oil, and in the bible, oil is always a type of the Holy Spirit. It sealed the ark. By the Holy Spirit, we are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Eph 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

The word pitch is also significant in that it is in the Hebrew, and is the word for atonement. The ark made of gopher wood is a type of the humanity of Christ, when he became flesh. God's care for the beasts, birds and creeping things looks forward to the millennium when Christ will rule this world. This will be the greatest time this old world has ever known. And another important thing is that there was only one door to the ark. That door was typical of Christ who is the Door, the way to God.

Joh 10:9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Before the flood, there were two branches of the human family. The descendants of **Cain** constituted one branch, and the descendants of **Seth** were the other branch.
2. The sons of God were not fallen **angels**. Give proof of this.

Mat 22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

Jud 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Fallen angels are not called Sons of God.

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

3. The unholy marriages in Genesis 6:1-4, were in reality **_saved_** people marrying **_unsaved_** people.

4. How does the Bible describe man's sin in the days before the flood?

Wickedness was everywhere, and every thought of man was on evil.

5. What is the meaning of, "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord?"

Noah was saved by the same grace we are saved. Faith and repentance have always been prerequisites of salvation.

6. Name the three sons of Noah.

Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

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Prov 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

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