



Lesson 6

The Flood

OBJECTIVE: Describe what keeps you walking with God, considering the sinful violent world we live in, and what disciplines you will incorporate into your life to live a righteous lifestyle.

INTRODUCTION: The Practice of Spiritual Disciplines

One way to improve upon our righteousness is to practice the spiritual disciplines, I Timothy 4:7b-10. It is through the spiritual disciplines that the spirit is engaged to obtain the spiritual strength to walk with God.

Some of the disciplines include:

The Discipline of Abstinence: Solitude, Silence, Fasting, Frugality, Sacrifice

The Discipline of Engagement: Study, Worship, Celebration, Service, Prayer, Confession, and Submission.

I. The Problem of Sin In The World

- A. At this time in early history of the earth there were two lineages:
1. The line of Cain – Genesis 4:15-16
 2. The line of Seth – Genesis 4:25 -26

From Genesis 6:1-4, we see that there is a new stage of sin being spread on the earth. The result is an explosion of evil.

The sons of God were the descendants of Seth.

- B. Why did God choose to destroy the earth, His creation:
1. **Genesis 6:1** - With multiplication comes self-dependency. God was upset with the choices that the sons of God were making. Verse two says they "chose" wives for themselves and whomever they wanted.
 2. **Genesis 6:2** - Man was "fleshly" in his ways. – Romans 8:2-4, speaks to the point that "fleshly" ways are contrary to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
 3. **Genesis 6:5** – Man's thoughts were evil – Matthew 15:18.

Man was not guarding his heart and evil passions were dominating man's every action. This may be the most intense verse in the entire Bible

4. **Genesis 6:11** – The earth was corrupt and violent. Thus, God made a decision, **6:13**, to destroy the earth because his heart was grieved of man's turning away from Him, **6:6**.

APPLICATION: Can you imagine the heaviness of God's heart? Just imagine when others disappoint you and how your heart feels. Sometimes you are hurt to the point that you don't want to have anything do with people.

II. Noah – The Voice of Righteousness God's Saviour and Witness

God will always have a witness to Himself. He will always have someone who will testify to who He is and His character.

1. **Genesis 7:1** – Noah alone was righteous before God.
2. Noah's life was a witness to the righteousness of God
3. **Genesis 6:13, 17** - God revealed His plans to Noah based on the intimate relationship they shared.
4. **2 Peter 2:5** – Noah was a preacher of righteousness
5. Noah's actions were based on faith in God:
 - a. He was building an ark.
 - b. He was prophesying that it would rain, and there hadn't been rain before.
 - c. He was living righteously.

APPLICATION: It pays to live righteously, **2 Peter 2:9**. Are you practicing the kind of trust Noah had in God based on your actions? How are you handling the temptations and corruption of this world and maintaining a righteous frame of mind?

III. God's Plan of Salvation

The Ark is God's Place of Salvation

- A. The Ark's Dimensions – **Genesis 6:14-16**
 1. Made of gopher wood
 2. Rooms
 3. Length – 300 cubits
 4. Width - 50 cubits
 5. Height – 30 cubits
 6. One window
 7. Door on the side
 8. Three decks

It has been noted that the ark is compared to the length of one and half football fields and taller than a three-story building.

B. How God Flooded the Earth

1. **Genesis 6:17** - The announcement of flooding the water
2. **Genesis 7:11** – The fountains of the deep burst open and the floodgates of the sky were open.
3. **Genesis 7: 12** - Rain fell upon the earth 40 days and 40 nights.

4. **Genesis 7:17** – The flood came upon the earth and the water increased and lifted the ark, so that it rose above the earth.
5. **Genesis 7:14** – The water prevailed more and more above the high mountains.
6. **Genesis 7:21** – All flesh was perished.

CONCLUSION

God had destroyed the rebellious generation. The wicked generation of Noah's day had been destroyed by the wrath of the living God. The generation had refused to acknowledge God or serve Him.

The flood equates to God's judgment – Luke 17:26-27

We should live in anticipation of the Lord's return – Matthew 24:37-42