

Life Lessons from Noah

Noah shows us how blessed we will be if we walk with God, instead of following the crowd.

Genesis 6:1-7 tells of mankind becoming so corrupt that God could only find one man, named Noah, who had not become wicked and turned away from Him. Verse 8 says that Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. God is grieved by mankind's choice to turn away from Godliness and follow after evil. He knows He must do something about this corrupt society, He cannot allow it to go on as it is.

Ancient Hebrew writings tell of Noah being so saddened by what he sees happening to society that he determines to never marry and bring children into this corrupt society. But God encourages Noah to marry and have children. He does this because He knows Noah is going to need help to do what He is going to instruct him to do. And to populate the earth after the judgment of the earth has taken place. Noah does marry and he has three sons named Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Bible scholars believe that they were triplets.

A Corrupt Society

Read Genesis 6:1-7 and fill in the missing words from the following Scriptures (New King James Version of the Bible was used):

1. ... the sons of _____ saw the daughters of _____ ... and they took _____ for themselves ... (Genesis 6:2)
2. And the Lord said, "My _____ shall _____ strive with _____ forever ... his days shall be _____ and _____ years." (Genesis 6:3)
3. ... the Lord _____ that the wickedness of _____ was great in the _____, and that _____ intent of the _____ of his _____ was only _____ continually. (Genesis 6:5)
4. And the Lord was _____ that He had made _____ on the earth, and He was _____ in His _____. (Genesis 6:6)
5. So the _____ said, "I will _____ man whom I have _____ from the _____ of the _____ ... for I am _____ that I have _____ them." (Genesis 6:7)

Reflective Thoughts ...

In these verses we see how heartsick God is that mankind has chosen evil lifestyles over Godly lifestyles. How has this happened? Genesis 6:2 tells us that Godly men began to marry ungodly wives. Bible scholars tell us that the sons of God came from Seth's ancestry, while the daughters of men came

from Cain's ancestry. For some reason when good and evil mix, evil gets the upper hand.

God is longsuffering and it is not His Will that any should perish so He decides to give mankind 120 years to repent and come back into a right relationship with Him before He has to bring judgment upon their wickedness.

When the scriptures tell us that God is sorry that He made mankind, it is not sorry as we think of sorry. God is grieved that mankind is bringing judgment upon themselves but He is a righteous and Holy God and therefore cannot allow wickedness to continue. During those 120 years, God must have continually pled with the people to return to Him before it was too late.

God never wanted mankind to perish; He wanted mankind to choose Godliness and life everlasting and not evil and death for eternity. But the choice is up to mankind. However, God is greatly grieved when they choose evil because the result is everlasting death – separation from Him for all eternity. This makes God very sad.

Noah's Faithfulness

Read Genesis 6:8-9 and fill in the missing words from the following Scriptures (New King James Version of the Bible was used):

1. ... Noah found _____ in the _____ of the Lord. (Genesis 6:8)
2. ... Noah was a _____ man, perfect in his generations. Noah _____ with God. (Genesis 6:9)

Reflective Thoughts ...

Noah came from the Godly line of Seth (Adam's son). Enoch who walked with God and was not found because God took him (Genesis 5:24) was of this same lineage. And Noah chose to do the same thing that Enoch had done – walk with God.

From the beginning of creation, God gave mankind a freewill. Having a freewill means you get to choose whether you want to do what is right or choose to do what is wrong. But in Deuteronomy 30:19 we hear God calling out and pleading with mankind to choose life, doing what is right, that both you and your descendants may live. And since God is the same yesterday, today, and forever He has been pleading with mankind from the beginning of creation to choose to do what is right in His sight so that we all might have life everlasting – a blessed eternity with Him.

God's Guidance to Noah

God tells Noah that He is going to flood the earth and all flesh and everything on earth will be destroyed. But He has a plan that will help Noah to escape the judgment that will be coming upon the ungodly.

Read Genesis 6:10-7:24 and fill in the missing words from the following Scriptures (New King James Version of the Bible was used):

1. Make _____ an _____ of gopherwood; make _____ in the ark ... (Genesis 6:14)
2. ... I will establish My _____ with you; and you shall _____ into the _____ – you, your _____, your _____, and your sons' _____ with you. (Genesis 6:18)
3. And of _____ living thing of all _____ you shall _____ two of every sort into the _____ ... male and female. (Genesis 6:19)
4. Then the _____ said to Noah, _____ into the _____, you and all your _____, because I have _____ that you are _____ before _____ in this generation. (Genesis 7:1)
5. So _____ with his sons, his wife, and his son's wives _____ into the ark because of the _____ of the flood. (Genesis 7:7)
6. And it came to pass after _____ days that the waters of the _____ were on the _____. (Genesis 7:10)
7. So those that _____ male and female of _____ flesh, went in as _____ had commanded him; and the _____ shut him in. (Genesis 7:16)
8. And the _____ prevailed on the _____ one hundred and fifty _____. (Genesis 7:24)

Reflective Thoughts ...

God is grieved by the corruption of mankind and He knows He must do something about it. But Noah has been faithful to God and He will be faithful to save him from the judgment that will soon come upon the rest of mankind.

God must be grieved in our day too as He sees how society has turned from His righteous thoughts and ways and has become very corrupt in what they say and do. He cannot allow this corruption of society to continue, so once again He will have to bring judgment upon those who are ungodly.

In Matthew 24:37-39, we are told that in the last days of this present earth, it will be the same as it was in Noah's day. God knows who has remained faithful to Him even while those around them have gone astray. And He has a plan to save everyone who has been faithful to Him from His judgment on the unrighteous, just like He did for Noah.

Jesus Christ is the Ark that will save the righteous from the judgment that is going to come upon the unrighteous. All who come unto Jesus Christ will be safe from God's judgment upon the ungodly.

Noah's Wrongdoing

After the flood is over and everyone is out of the ark; Noah does something wrong that will have a

lasting negative effect on his family.

Read Genesis 8:1-9:29 and fill in the missing words from the following Scriptures (New King James Version of the Bible was used):

1. Then God remembered _____, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the _____. And God made a wind to pass over the _____, and the waters _____. (Genesis 8:1)
2. Then _____ spoke to Noah, saying, "Go out of the _____, you and your _____, and your sons and your sons' _____ with you." (Genesis 8:15-16)
3. Then Noah built an _____ to the _____, and took of every _____ animal and of every clean _____, and offered burnt _____ on the altar. (Genesis 8:20)
4. So God _____ Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be _____ and multiply, and fill the _____. (Genesis 9:1)
5. I set My _____ in the cloud, and it shall be for the _____ of the covenant between _____ and the earth." (Genesis 9:13)
6. And Noah began to be a _____, and he planted a _____. (Genesis 9:20)
7. Then he drank of the _____ and was _____, and became _____ in his tent. (Genesis 9:21)
8. And _____, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his _____, and told his two _____ outside. (Genesis 9:22)
9. So Noah _____ from his wine, and _____ what his younger son had _____ to him. (Genesis 9:24)

Reflective Thoughts ...

We can tell that Noah was grateful to God for saving him and his family from the judgment that came upon the earth and for making a way for them to leave the ark once it was all over. For the scriptures tell us that Noah built an altar to the Lord and that it pleased the Lord. Then the Lord makes a covenant with Noah and his sons and their descendants. He gives them the sign of the rainbow as a remembrance of this covenant. Noah and his family have a new beginning. They start life all over again. But it doesn't take long for sin to rear it's ugly head again. Noah celebrates a little too much over the fine vineyard he has been blessed with and in his drunkenness causes a wrong that will effect his family for generations.

So just having a new beginning is not enough to save anyone from sin and its effects. One has to be born again. "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." John 3:5-6 NKJV. In order to be set free from sinful thoughts and ways one must become a new creation

in Christ. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to destroy sin and all its effects upon us. (see 1 John 3:5-10) But we must accept and receive his gift of salvation. He will never force it upon us. "God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:17 NKJV. Jesus Christ is our saving and everlasting Ark. We just need to come unto Him.

Walking with God

Read Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-8; Amos 3:3 and fill in the missing words from the following Scriptures (New King James Version of the Bible was used):

1. ... My _____ are ____ your _____ , nor are _____ ways ____ ways, says the Lord. (Isaiah 55:8)
2. Can two _____ together, unless they are _____? (Amos 3:3)
3. Seek the _____ while He may be _____, (Isaiah 55:6)
4. Call upon _____ while He is _____. (Isaiah 55:6)
5. Let the wicked _____ his _____, and the _____ man his _____; let him _____ to the _____, (Isaiah 55:7)
6. And He (God) will have _____ on him; and to our _____, for He (God) _____ abundantly _____. (Isaiah 55:7) (words in parenthesis added)
7. Incline your _____, and _____ to Me. _____, and your soul shall _____; and I _____ make an _____ covenant with _____ ... (Isaiah 55:3)
8. ... Keep _____, and _____ righteousness, for My _____ is about to _____, and _____ righteousness to be _____. (Isaiah 56:1)
9. _____ is the man who _____ this, and the _____ of man who lays _____ on it; ... (Isaiah 56:2)

Choose to be Righteous ...

In Joshua 24:15, Joshua encourages everyone to choose this day whom they will serve, but then he states without doubt that as for him and his house they will serve the Lord. This was the choice that Noah made for him and his family too. And God honored that choice and kept them safe during the time of judgment that came upon a corrupt society.

It is not God's Will that any should have to come under judgment. But God is a Holy and Just God who cannot look the other way when society chooses to be unholy and unrighteous in their thoughts and ways. Only those who align their thoughts and ways with God's righteous thoughts and ways will be able to escape the judgment that will eventually fall on a corrupt society.

The choice is yours and no one else can make that choice for you – will you choose this day to serve God in holy and righteous thoughts and ways? You may have to be like Noah and stand alone in your choice, but like Noah you will be blessed for serving God even when those around you choose not to.

God called Noah to come unto the ark and He calls us to come unto Jesus Christ, our Ark, and be safe for all eternity.

Jesus Christ says,

**"All that the Father gives to Me will come to Me,
and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out."**

John 6:37. NKJV.