

Monday Lessons from the Flood

Discussions about the flood often arise in conjunction with creations. Why? Obviously, both creation and the world-wide flood are taught in Scripture. Creationists use the flood to substantiate the Bible and its account of creation, while evolutionists try to disprove the flood and thereby disprove the Bible. What really happened during the flood? Why did God send a world-wide flood? What can we all learn from it?

1. Read Genesis 6:1-7 – What was happening in verse 1?
2. Though the law did not come until many hundreds of years later, what sin is happening in verse 2?
3. Polygamy was first mentioned in verse 2. This lifestyle clearly goes against God's design. Read Genesis 2:18-24 and explain how polygamy goes against God's design for marriage.
4. After this abuse of marriage, what statement did God make in verse 3?
5. God got tired of fighting with man because of their sin. What did He see in verse 5?
6. What does verse 6 tell us about God's feelings about our sin?
7. What did God decide to do in verse 7?
8. If God judged sin so severely then, do you think He still feels so strongly about it today?

God still judges sin. The people back then didn't get away with it, and we won't either. God's Word makes it very clear to us what is acceptable in God's sight and what is not. When we act outside His plan, He will work to get us back into His plan.

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God is God, and He has the right to judge sin. He has given us clearly defined guidelines, and He expects us to stay within those parameters. Some people don't, and they experience the discipline and judgment of God. Some people do, and experience God's grace.

1. Read Genesis 6:5-22 – What is the contrast between verses 5 and 8?
2. What three things are said about Noah in verse 9?
3. What did God see in verses 11-12?
4. What did God tell Noah was going to happen in verse 13?
5. What did God tell Noah to do in verse 14?
6. God gave Noah some very specific instructions in verses 15-16. What do you think would have happened if Noah did it his own way?
7. According to verse 17, what was God's purpose for sending the flood?
8. What was Noah supposed to bring on the ark with him?
9. According to verse 22, Noah obeyed God. How would you describe his obedience?

Noah walked with God and found grace in God's eyes. While God was displeased with the lives of everyone else, He was pleased with the overall direction of Noah's life. Noah was a sinner too, but his life was characterized by following God. He had a life of obedience. How would someone characterize your life?

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Noah took his task of building an ark seriously. He worked day in and day out until he was finished. He collected the necessary food for his time in the ark. The day came when it was time to enter the ark.

1. Read Genesis 7:1-10 – What did God tell Noah to do in verse 1?
2. Where would God have to be in order to say “come in?”
3. God was with Noah and his family through this entire ordeal. No matter what God asks you to do, you can be assured that He will always be with you. What comfort does that bring you?
4. God reminded Noah of his job of gather in the animals. According to verse 4, how many days did he have left to finish his work?
5. What does verse 5 again reveal about Noah’s character?
6. How old was Noah when the flood started?
7. Read Genesis 5:32 – How old was Noah when he began to build?
8. According to verse 7, what people entered the ark?
9. According to verses 8-9, what else entered the ark?
10. According to verse 10, what happened after the seven days?

It took Noah about 100 years to build the ark. God gave the people a long time either to change their ways or to believe Noah and join him. God certainly gave enough chances for them to change!

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Judgment day had finally arrived. God gave plenty of time for people to change their ways. Not it was time to face the music. God warned that He would destroy the world with water, and now it was coming true. Time had run out.

1. Read Genesis 7:11-24 – The day that Noah entered the ark, it began to rain. According to verse 12, how long did it rain?
2. Verses 13-15 repeat for the third time who and what went into the ark. Why do you think that list is given three times?
3. According to verse 16, God shut the door to the ark. What is so significant about that?
4. According to verse 17, the flood waters came up, and the ark floated above the earth. As the earth was being destroyed, Noah was safe in the ark. He did not experience God’s judgment. Read Hebrews 11:7 – Why?
5. According to verse 20, how high above the mountains did the water come?
6. According to verses 21-22, what died in the flood?
7. According to verse 23, who were the only survivors?
8. According to verse 24, how long did the water increase on the earth?

Noah was saved because of his faith. It was not because of his own goodness. God told Noah to build a boat, and he did it by faith. Salvation is still only by faith. There is no one who is without sin and deserves salvation. Salvation is a gift of God.

Friday **Lessons from the Flood**

The rain stopped; the water stopped rising. There was a lot of water on the earth. Obviously, the flood didn't stay on the earth forever. Eventually, the water receded, but the earth looked very different than it did when Noah went in to the ark.

1. Read Genesis 8:1-19 – What did God use to help get rid of all the water?
2. According to verse 4, when did the ark come to rest?
3. How long did it take until the tops of the mountains could be seen?
4. What two kinds of birds did he send out to check out the condition of the land?
5. According to verse 13, how long was it before Noah removed the cover of the ark?
6. Compare Genesis 7:11 and 8:14. How long were Noah and his family on the ark?
7. According to verse 17, what was the responsibility of the occupants of the ark?
8. God destroyed, and He did it completely. God hates sin. What does the flood teach you about the seriousness of sin?
9. Even though God's wrath was clearly on display during the flood, how can you also see His mercy?

God hates sin intensely. More than He hates sin, He loves us. He demonstrated His love by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and pay the penalty for your sin so that by believing in Him will allow you to experience God's saving grace and mercy.

Saturday **Lessons from the Flood**

God saved Noah and his family in a very dramatic way. While the rest of the world was being violently destroyed, Noah and his family were safe inside the ark. Noah had much for which to be thankful. Let's take a look at Noah's actions after he left the ark and see what we can learn from them.

1. Read Genesis 8:15-22 – Who told Noah it was time to leave the ark?
2. What could have happened if Noah got ahead of God and left the ark early?
3. How long was Noah on the ark?
4. How do you think Noah felt when he was finally able to open the door and get off the ark?
5. Noah was probably pretty excited and scared all at the same time when he opened the door to the ark for the first time. His family was spared. Everything was totally different. The world he knew was completely changed. What was the first thing he did when he got off the ark?
6. Was God pleased with Noah's sacrifice?
7. What promise did God make in verse 21?
8. According to verse 22, what did God would never end?

Noah made a sacrifice as soon as he left the ark. Food was certainly scarce, but Noah sacrificed it anyway as a way of thanking God for His goodness. Are you willing to give up things as a way to thank God for His goodness to you? There's really nothing we could give that even compares to what He gave us!

Sunday Lessons from the Flood

God had originally promised Noah that He would establish a covenant with him. A covenant is a promise between two people. A unilateral covenant is a promise that is not dependent on anyone or anything else. That is the kind of covenant God made with Moses.

1. Read Genesis 9:1-17 – What did God tell Noah and his sons to do?
2. According to verses 2-3, every animal would be afraid of man. Why?
3. According to verse 6, what is the penalty for murder?
4. What is the purpose for that law?
5. According to verses 8-10, with whom was God going to establish His covenant?
6. According to verse 11, what was God's promise?
7. God gave a token or a symbol of His covenant. According to verse 12, for how long would that symbol be in effect?
8. According to verse 13, what was that token?
9. When God destroyed the earth, He did it because of man's sin. It was widespread. Why do you think it is so important that the covenant God made with Noah was a unilateral covenant?

God must judge sin. He destroyed the earth once by water and promised He would never do it again. Even after rain storms, God reminds us of His promise with a rainbow. There is another judgment coming. This time God will destroy the world with fire. Believing in Jesus Christ alone is the only way to avoid it.