

LESSON 4 - THE GREAT FLOOD ON THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE

Genesis 6-8

THEME: To show the security of believers in Christ.

Have you ever experienced a flood? A flood can be caused by heavy rains, tropical cyclones, tsunamis, dam breakage, etc. When we hear of a flood, we know it is a terrible time for those people who must endure it. In this lesson we are coming to the great flood over *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*.

After Enoch was caught up the people became more and more wicked. Satan was busy leading men in his way and trying to keep God from bringing forth the Redeemer promised in Genesis 3:15. There was only evil continually.

God declared: "I will blot out man whom I have created..." Genesis 6:7.

The Bible says that in the midst of all the sin there was one man who walked with God. His name is Noah. He walked in the way of faith and found favor in the eyes of God. Genesis 6:8. Noah is a righteous man and God tells him to make an ark which is a very large boat.

God said: "Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch. This is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. You shall make a window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish." Genesis 6:14-17.

Assuming the cubit to be 1.5 feet, the ark would be 450 feet (137,16 m.) long, 75 feet (22,86 m.) wide, and 45 feet (13,72 m.) high. Note that this is exactly three times the length of the tabernacle's outer court, the width of the tabernacle's outer court and three times the height of the tabernacle itself.

Noah obeys God even though he has never seen rain or flood. According to Genesis 2:6, only a mist was used to water the earth until this time. Now Noah starts building the ark and warned the world of God's righteous judgment. 2 Peter 2:5.

When the ark is finished God says to Noah: "Enter the ark, you and all your household, for you *alone* I have seen *to be* righteous before Me in this time." Then the Lord shuts them in. Genesis 7:16. The one door is closed with Noah and his family safely inside. Now comes the great flood. Genesis 7:17-24. God does not forget Noah. Genesis 8:1-14.

Everyone outside the ark perishes. Only those inside the ark are safe. The ark floats safely on top of the flood waters. The rains continue 40 days and 40 nights but still the ark is safe.



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About a year after God had said, "Enter the ark", He now says, "Go out of the ark." What does Noah do as soon as they are outside the ark, on dry land? He builds an altar and worships God. Genesis 8:20. At this time God makes the rainbow as a sign that He will not destroy the world again with a great flood. Genesis 9:9-17. We may have floods in many countries in the world today, but never again will God cover the entire earth with a destroying great flood as He did in the days of Noah.

Noah and the ark show us the spiritual meanings of *SAVED & LOST*:

1. Outside the ark Noah would have been lost. Inside the ark he was saved.
2. The ark was made of gopher wood and covered with pitch to seal it. The pitch kept out the waters and kept Noah safe. It is a beautiful picture or type of the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Trees gave life to make the ark. Christ gave His body by death in order to save us from the judgment of sin.
4. There was only one door in the side of the ark, and all had to enter through that door to be saved. And so it is now. There is only eternal life for those who know Jesus Christ as their personal Redeemer from eternal death.
5. As Noah had faith in God's Word and built an ark, so we should have faith in God's Word and trust in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ to be saved from God's judgment.

We have learned about the great flood which took away all the unrighteous people in judgment. God's book, the Bible, says there is another judgment coming on the earth. Are you safe in Christ today? Jesus Christ asks us to trust Him, He will keep you safe. He loves you and died for your sins.

Jesus Christ is the Ark and He is also the Door. He says: "I am the Door, by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." John 10:9. Will you trust Him today as your Saviour from eternal death?

MEMORY VERSE: "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture." John 10:9.

LESSON 4 – WORK SHEET

Fill in the spaces in the following statements:

1. God saw that the _____ of man was great. Genesis 6:5.
2. God said, "I will _____ whom I have created." Genesis 6:7.
3. But Noah found _____ in the eyes of the Lord. Genesis 6:8.
4. Noah was a _____ man, _____ in his time. Genesis 6:9.
5. God told Noah to make _____ of gopher wood. Genesis 6:14.
6. God told Noah to bring clean animals by _____ of every kind, and to bring unclean animals by _____ of every kind, male and female. Genesis 7:2-3.
7. When Noah and his family were safely in the ark, the Lord _____.
_____ Genesis 7:16.
8. After the great flood Noah built _____ and offered _____.
_____ Genesis 8:20.
9. Judgment for sin is coming upon our world one day, but we need not fear if our life is _____. Colossians 3:3.
10. The ark had only one door by which Noah and his family could enter into safety. There is only one door by which we may enter into safety from God's judgment. The Lord Jesus Christ is that Door.

Draw a picture of the ark with the right dimensions, and beside it write John 10:9