Cultivate Genesis Study
Week #6

Chapter 7
Read and meditate on Genesis Chapter 7 this week
and prayerfully answer the following questions before Tuesday's class.

In Genesis Chapter 7: 1-5, The Lord speaks to Noah, giving final instructions for the ark. Noah is told it is time to see the reward of his obedience and the consequences that will befall the wicked, that surround him. God always makes a distinction between the righteous and the wicked.

Malachi 3:18 says, *"So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him."* Read the following verses: Proverbs 10:6, Proverbs 15:29, Psalm 34:16-17, Psalm 145:20

1. Can you think of any other examples in scripture where God brought judgment on the wicked but preserved the righteous?

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Read Genesis 7:1
Some translations use the word, "go" into the ark, some say, "come".
2. What words does your translation use?

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In either case, the time is drawing near. The Lord is directing Noah to the safety and shelter that He is providing for this time of judgment.
"The call to Noah is very kind, like that of a tender father to his children to come in-doors when he sees night or a storm coming." Matthew Henry

Read Psalm 24:3-5

3. How does God care for those that seek to follow after Him?

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Read: Psalm 33:18, Proverbs 10:9, 2 Peter 2:9

In Genesis 7:2, Even before God had established the Levitical law He was preparing His people for the institution of sacrifices. The ark will carry clean animals, to be used as sacrifices after the flood, and unclean animals, to be used to repopulate the earth. Just as God had specific purposes in saving Noah and his family, He also had purpose for each animal that He sent to the ark. Read Leviticus 10:10

4. Considering His intimate involvement at the time of the flood, how much more is He willing to be intimately involved in your life today? Do you have an example?

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Genesis 7:4-5 *"For after seven more days, I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights; and I will blot out from the face of the land every living thing that I have made." **5**Noah did according to all that the LORD had commanded him."*

5. Look up the word Obey in your concordance and write down two verses that speak to you on obedience.

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Read Genesis 7:13

6. Did Noah delay in his obedience to what God told him to do? Did Mrs. Noah, his sons or his daughters-in-law argue with him when it was time to enter the ark? Explain your thoughts on this.

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Noah was a godly man before his family. They saw his righteousness and trusted him.

Read Genesis 19:12-23

7. In what ways is this event similar to Noah's situation?

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8. How does Lot's response compare to Noah's response in Genesis 7:13?

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Read 1Samuel 15:22

9. Since we no longer conduct Old Testament sacrifices, explain how this verse is meaningful to you, today?

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Genesis 7:11-12 *"In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month, all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. **12**And the rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights."*

God is the Creator and the Master of His creation. At this precise moment, the waters that He spoke into existence and specifically placed in Genesis 1:6, had no choice, but to obey their Creator.
Our all-knowing God, from the start, understood that those waters would be used for the judgment of the evil that would consume His creation.

Read Luke 8:22-25, Matthew 8:23-27 and Mark 4:35- 41
Do not miss the importance of this account. Yes, it is true that Jesus came humbly, lovingly, obedient to the Father.

10. But what powerful truth was exhibited on the lake that day?

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11. Is there any storm in your life that God is not powerful enough to guide you through?

Write Jeremiah 32:17

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Science backs up and affirms Genesis 7:12. It was a complete, worldwide flood, not limited to Noah's neighborhood. The earth's landscape was forever changed during those days.

Read Genesis 7:16

12. Who shut the door? _____

The grace of God was available until the last minute. The door remained open until God shut Noah and his family safely inside. It was not Noah who decided when it was too late, it was God.

13. Is there someone in your life that you think "it's too late" for them to be saved? Continue to pray for them. Only God knows when the time of Grace will end for each person.

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Matthew Henry said, "but when God put Noah into the ark, and so when he brings a soul to Christ, the salvation is sure: it is not in our own keeping, but in the Mediator's hand. But the door of mercy will shortly be shut against those that now make light of it. Knock now, and it shall be opened" Read Luke 13:25

The ark is a picture of God's salvation, through Christ, for us. Read Galatians 1:3-4
Noah was now completely cut off from the world he knew. The old was forever dead to him, from that moment on.

14. Do you have something in your life that you need to be "cut off" from? Something that needs to be washed away as you stay in the sanctuary of the Lord?

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Read Genesis 7:20-21
Matthew Henry- "The flood was increasing forty days. The waters rose so high, that the tops of the highest mountains were overflowed more than twenty feet. There is no place on earth so high as to set men out of the reach of God's judgments."

In vs. 21 we read that “every man” died that day. Every man except the eight, safe on the ark. Matthew 24:38-39 tells us, *"For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, "and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”*

Jesus’ return for His church will be just like the days of Noah. Men and women will live their lives the way they think is best, the way that pleases them and brings them the most temporal gratification.

15. How would you explain, from your experience, how much better it is to trade the momentary pleasures of this world, for the peace and safety of belonging to The Lord?

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Read the following verses: 2Peter 2:5, Hebrews 11:7

16. What do these verses say about the character of God?

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17. What do they say about the character of Noah?

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“All the men, women, and children, that were in the world, excepting those in the ark, died. We may easily imagine what terror seized them. Our Savior tells us, that till the very day that the flood came, they were eating and drinking, Luke 17:26,27; they were deaf and blind to all Divine warnings.” Matthew Henry

May we humble ourselves before God to hear and see God’s divine warning on how we should be living before Him.