



THE BOOK OF GENESIS

IN THE BEGINNING...

Bible study for the week starting October 15, 2023

SHARE

Who's the oldest person you've ever met? What are the blessings and curses of a long life?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Review **Genesis 6:1-13**. Spend some time on the description of human corruption at the time and focus on God's heartbreak because of it. How is this such a stark contrast to God's intention in creation?
2. Read **Genesis 6:14-7:24**. God gave detailed instruction for both the construction and the ark, which lends credibility to the factualness of the account. What's the repeated refrain about Noah's response? (How can you apply that to your own life?)
3. Doesn't this version of God come across as harsh? How do you reconcile this with the God who is elsewhere described as "gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness?"
4. Read **1 Peter 3:18-22**. Why does our church feel comfortable saying baptism saves you? (Some people don't like that much.)
5. Read **Matthew 24:36-39**. Jesus uses the flood story to highlight the need to "stay awake" for the return of Christ. Why is this important, and what does this look like?

PRAY

Pray for the faith to be confident in our salvation, even in times of judgment.



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Genesis 6:13-7:5

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Whatever happened in Genesis 6 was NOT VERY GOOD.

“...his days shall be 120 years” (Genesis 6:3).

“...every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only EVIL continually” (Genesis 6:5).

“And the Lord REGRETTED that He had made man on the earth, and it GRIEVED Him to His HEART” (Genesis 6:6).

“...for I am SORRY that I made them” (Genesis 6:7).

“Noah WALKED WITH GOD” (Genesis 6:9).

The slam of FINALITY: “And the Lord shut him in” (Genesis 7:16).

Just in case you didn't think God takes SIN SERIOUSLY...

“Do not be deceived. God will not be MOCKED” (Galatians 6:7).

Is this a story of JUDGMENT or SALVATION? It depends on your PERSPECTIVE.

For next week, read Genesis 8 & 9.