

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES
WOMEN IN THE WORD
Fellowship Bible Church

The Grace of God Revealed

Lesson 4

God's Grace Revealed in the Flood

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Genesis 5:1-5 *This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created. When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.*

Sin passed down. In the likeness of Adam.

Death is the result of sin.

Genesis 6:5-8 *The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. (Speaks of Noah's faith in God)*

BibleRef says - The Bible rarely speaks of God experiencing "regret." The Hebrew word used here is yin'nā'hem, from the root word nacham. The word is exclusively about emotions: a feeling of pain, sadness, or unhappiness. The word does not imply that God feels He has made a mistake, or that He wishes to have done differently. It is possible to experience grief and "regret," as used here, without implying an error.

The Heart of God....

Ezekiel 33:11 *Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?*

Noah warned the people for 120 years

Genesis 6:3 *Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years."*

2 Peter 2:5 *if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald (preacher) of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;*

**This is God's grace to the people. - But they rejected it.
Just like Cain rejected God's offer of grace.**

God continues today to pursue mankind with His offer of grace.

In the end it is the rejection of God's grace that results in destruction.

God's heart for mankind is for redemption. When mankind rejects God's offer of grace, he has chosen his own fate.

So God made provision for mankind to escape the flood which was to come. Noah warned them about it and most of the people did not get on the ark. There was one ark. One door. And one way of salvation.

Jesus said "I am the way..." John 14:6 Jesus said "I am the door" John 10:7

Here we have a foreshadowing of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ

Genesis 6:14-17 *Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks. For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die.*

- Noah could not have come up with this on his own!!! God provided all Noah would need. This is God's grace.
- Adam and Eve could not cover their own nakedness. He clothed them - This is God's grace.
- Cain tried to earn God's acceptance by his own efforts, but then rejected God's grace.

Genesis 6:22 *Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.*

Even though Noah didn't understand WHAT rain was going to look like, he believed God!

Read Hebrews 11:7 *By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.*

Many people today refuse to believe because they haven't seen God or a place of eternal punishment. In contrast, Noah believed even though he had never seen rain. He believed it because it was God who said so!

Genesis 7:6-16 Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth. And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood.16 And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the Lord shut him in.

They entered through the only door and also God shut them in.

In this one act of shutting the door, God manifested grace and mercy, and at the same time judgment and hatred for sin. Only He had the right to shut the door! Only He can extend grace and mercy, and only He can judge sin!

Because these people died in the flood, do you think it also meant that they received eternal death/separation from God?

I think it's highly possible that when it started to rain and the water started to get deeper and deeper and deeper, that people thought; Noah was right about the flood, I bet he was also right about a coming Deliverer.

This reminds me of Revelation and the devastations in the end times causing people to be desperate and thousands of people turn to God.

Genesis 7:17-24 The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark. And the waters prevailed on the earth 150 days.

Noah's only hope was to believe God and trust in His grace and mercy! It is exactly the same for us today; our only hope is to believe God and trust in His grace and mercy.

He predetermined the plan, He set up the plan and He will carry out the plan. We cannot reject the grace that God offers. It's the only way of salvation.