

EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

LESSON 2 (Teacher Guide)

[Assigned Reading: Genesis Chapters 6-11]

[Themes to Teach: Obedience]

(Read Genesis 6:5-18)

After the Fall, mankind was left without a clear revelation of God. Mankind simply did that which seemed right to them. Sin abounded, and mankind became excessively wicked. God decided to purge the earth and judge their wickedness. But the Scriptures tell us that Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

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Genesis 6:8 (NKJV)

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Grace is what God does! God's grace is seen in the fact that God:

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- Revealed the danger of the impending judgment
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Faith is what we do in response to God! Noah's faith is seen in the fact that Noah:

- Responded to the message from God
- Built the Ark according to the specifications given by God
- Stayed committed to the message he had received
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Ephesians 2:8 (NKJV)

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

We are saved because God reaches for us in love, and we respond to him in obedience.

- **GOD'S PLAN WAS SPECIFIC:**

Genesis 6:13–16 (NKJV)

13 And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

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16 You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

God did not simply ask Noah to build an ark; He gave him a very specific plan:

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450 feet long

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75 feet wide

1 door

3 floors

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If Noah would have chosen to deviate from the plan of God, it would have certainly affected his salvation.

Application: God demonstrated His grace through the coming of Jesus Christ. Jesus revealed both God's desire and plan to save us. However, we must apply that plan to our lives in faith, repentance, water baptism, and the infilling of His Spirit.

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1 Peter 3:20–21 (NIV)

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- Eating, drinking, and marrying – Matthew 24:38-39
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