**Bible Class Notes – Noah – Lesson 10**

***God’s Mercy Offered to a Sinful People.***

**This week** we learn from Genesis God’s wonderful provision of salvation from His Final Judgement

***“How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not.”*  Matthew 23v37**

**The Terrible Consequences of Sin –**

**God’s Holy Judgement.**

**Teaching Notes**

**Reminder**

**Adam and Eve created perfect. With Eternal Souls.**

They sinned and were thrown out of the garden of Eden

The SEED (LJC) was promised as a Saviour to come

They were to offer a lamb as a sacrifice with repentant hearts looking forward to the Saviour who would come to die for them.

Abel came with a blood sacrifice and a repentant heart.

Cain came with his own sacrifice of things he had grown and without a repentant heart.

Abel’s sacrifice accepted by God. Cain’s was rejected.

Cain’s Pride led to jealousy, hatred, and murder.

Cain murdered Abel.

**Background**

**Descendants of Adam and Eve: - See Genesis 5**

**Seth, Enos (Enosh), Cainan (Kenan), Mahalaleel, Jered, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah.**

**Noah born 1,056 years after Creation.**

**Our lesson today covers Noah from 480-600 years old.**

**He had 3 grown sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.**

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**The Sons of Seth - Enos (Enosh), Cainan (Kenan), Mahalaleel, Jered, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, married the unbelieving daughters of Cain and his descendants.**

**God saw *‘that the hearts of men was only evil, continually’***. **Genesis 6v5-6 Large VA**

**and** every evil imaginable was practiced by them. **Genesis 6v2**

**God’s Sorrow - He is ‘Grieved in His Heart over Sin’.**

**Our Sin is an attitude of our heart towards God** **–**

**We inherit Original Sin from Adam.**

**Unbelief and total rebellion.**

**How do our hearts appear to God?**

No secrets can be kept from Him.

Even our sinful thoughts are known to Him. **Our motives.**

We also sin by failing to believe that He is God. **Unbelief.**

We sin by leaving things undone that we should have done.

**God’s Absolute** **Holiness demands that Sin must be punished.**

**BUT He also remembers, in His Mercy and Grace, His Promise to Save those who sincerely repent**.

**Noah found Grace in the Sight of the Lord.**

**Hebrews 11v7, *By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.***

**Noah’s heart was right before God –**

**A Just man who *‘walked with God’*** - seeking and finding God’s forgiveness for his sin, he was deemed righteous**.**

He practiced sacrifice of a lamb with repentance in his heart, and looking forward to the **promised SEED**, Jesus Christ.

**God’s Kind Covenant Promise to Noah – “**In 120 years’ time I will destroy mankind by a universal flood - but I will save you and your family.” **Genesis 6v3 and 18**

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**So, God gave Noah the detailed instructions for building the Ark: - Genesis 6v14-16**

The size, in metres, about 135 long x 13 high x 23 wide, with 3 floors, 1 small window **and 1 door**,

enough room for 8 people, birds, animals, and food.

**VA Picture of the Ark and above sizes**

**Noah Faithfully Obeys –**

Even though he had not seen rain he did not question where all the water would come from to cover the whole earth.

**He believed God.**

**His faith was accounted to him for righteousness.**

**Note:** the earth was different then.

Not as it is now – **Post Flood.**

Possibly 1 land mass, without very high mountains.

**Noah sets about Building the Ark.**

A colossal job which would take 120 years.

His sons helped him, and probably other people were paid.

**Note:** Noah followed every detail that God had given him for the construction of the Ark.

Gopher wood, The design and size. **Genesis 6v14-16**

**A Lesson for us to believe God’s Word and to follow all His instructions implicitly, for our acceptance by Him.**

**A Challenge for us. Would we have obeyed God and put all that effort into building the Ark? Facing ridicule.**

**The majority thought he was mad.**

They rejected the thought of such a catastrophe.

They did not believe God. They had no time for God.

**Noah Preaches a Warning Message.**

**God gave all people on earth 120 years to hear the Gospel and believe. Over 6,000 messages at 1 per week.**

**Also,** Faithful Noah would remind them whenever anyone challenged him about why he was building the Ark.

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**Noah would tell them** that they must believe God and take note of His Judgement of a great flood to come and join him and his family in the Ark when it was finished.

Failure to do so would mean that they would all be drowned.

**Note:** We preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is a great Judgement Day to come.

God has sent His beloved Son to be a Saviour of all who will believe that He died on the cross to save.

He is offered to us as an ’ARK’ for safety.

**Have you responded in repentance and faith yet?**

**Will you wait until it is too late. The Door Shut.**

**What was their response?** Mocking and scoffing.

They were far from water, and had never experienced rain yet – ‘What Flood, Noah? You must be mad’.

**But the fateful day came, as God had promised.**

**The animals and birds had been gathered into the ark**

**Male and female of each kind (species), 7 and 1.**

**along with sufficient food for the period of the flood,**

**Noah and his believing family – his wife, Shem, Ham, and Japheth and their wives entered. Genesis 7**

**God shut the door of the ark.**

**Too late now for those shut out to repent.**

**They now began to believe but it was too late.**

Their opportunity gone, **for ever. How tragic!**

**Can you picture the people crying out for help as the waters rose around them? How desperately tragic!**

**There was complete safety for Noah, his family, the birds, and animals within the Ark.**

**It Rained for 40 days and nights, the Fountains of The Deep open wide –** The waters rose, the whole earth is flooded - **All that breathed outside the Ark, died.**

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**The highest hills were covered with 7 metres of water**

***There is a vast amount of geological evidence of a Universal, world-wide, flood.***

***Absolute proof that a Universal Flood really happened!***

***Fossil evidence of sudden death.***

***Formed when the waters subsided, mud covered the bodies and great forces were placed on them as the earth was changed by God to receive the receding flood waters.***

***Ocean channels 5 miles deep. Mountains 5 miles high.***

***Even fossils found with food in their stomachs.***

**We must remember the upheaval of the movement of the ground as God caused the waters to recede.**

***NOTE:*** *Many cultures, (descendants of Noah), have recorded a catastrophic flood in their history.*

**The Flood prevailed for 150 days. 5 months. Genesis 7v24**

**The waters receded and the Ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat, (Eastern Turkey). Genesis 8v4**

**After 40 days Noah sends out a Raven and a Dove.**

**The Dove returned. Genesis 8v6**

After 7 days he sent out the Dove again and it returned with an olive leaf, showing things were growing. **Genesis 8v11**

After another 7 days he sent out the Dove again and this time it did not return. **Genesis 8v12**

God then told Noah to, ***“Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.”* Genesis 8v16,17.**

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Genesis 8v20-22

*Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.* *And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.* *While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.*

**Genesis 9v12-17.** God repeated His Covenant Agreement with Noah not to flood the whole earth again. A Rainbow would be His sign.

**God has Promised to bring this Sinful World to an End.**

**Not by Flood but by Fire. Large VA**

**We live in similar times to Noah** – Gross sinfulness, Rejecting God – the vast majority heedless of The Gospel and The Final Judgement to come.

**Noah’ Ark is a picture of the Lord as Saviour**.

**All who trust Him will be saved.**

***Read John 10v1-18. Jesus said, “I AM The Door”***

**(into Heaven), Noah entered the Ark via the door.**

**God has provided a way of escape for us on The Day of Judgement –** having sent His Own Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross of Calvary to Save us.

**How foolish to ignore God’s kind offer of Salvation? Be warned by the foolish rejection of safety in the Ark**

**Be wise. Come to Christ today.**

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**The Apostle Peter wrote *- “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”*** **2 Peter 3v9**

**Important Lesson for us today:**

*God gave the people of Noah’s day every opportunity and time to hear the Gospel, repent, and escape judgement. Noah preached and warned for 120 years as he built the Ark, pleading with them to believe God - that He would send a flood to judge them for their sin and that their only way of salvation was to repent, believe, and come into the Ark.*

*The people rejected this clear warning and so were without excuse.*

*We too are without excuse - given every opportunity to be eternally safe on Judgement Day.*

*God’s Ark is a type (a picture) of the Lord Jesus Christ Who is the only way of salvation. Will we accept, and believe that we are lost sinners who can only be eternally made safe by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ? God’s Final Judgement will be at the end of time.* ***Now is the Day of Salvation.***

**Doctrines:**

1. **Every sin deserves God’s wrath and judgement.**
2. **Today is the Gospel Age. Our opportunity.**
3. **The Ark was a Type (a picture) of Christ.**

**Prepared by the Lord to save.**