

Review Genesis Chapters 5-9

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Chapter 5

Chapter 5 outlined the genealogy from Adam to Noah. All the individuals mentioned have one thing in common except one man, Enoch. The structure of the genealogy is such that the person was born, lived a given number of years and then he died. This verifies the truth we have today given in Hebrews 9:27, “And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment”. There was one exception in this chapter and that was Enoch. The chapter also records the name of the man who lived the longest life on this earth.

LESSON: Knowing that you will die, be ready to meet Jesus and know where you are going when you die.

Chapter 6

Chapter 6 introduces some difficult verses which has been the subject of theological discussions regarding who are the “sons of God” who took the “daughters of man” as their wives. This is where we studied about the Nephilim and the Rephaim who were tall, strong, mighty men. God condemned this intermarriage action. One sin leads to another and from there the sin increased over time to give birth to violence. God does not wink at or tolerate sin and will eventually lead to judgement. The second part of the chapter God reveals his plan to judge sinful man and his surroundings; however, He would provide a way to recreate what He had made by saving Noah and all the animals. Noah and his family who found grace in the eyes of the Lord were instructed to build the ark.

LESSON: Do not participate in any activities that are obviously sinful. We need to take a self-inventory of our lives as instructed in 2 Corinthians 13:5, “Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?” Have some accountability to another.

Chapter 7

In chapter 7 Noah gathers his family and all the pairs of animals into the ark and it begins to rain. God sends the flood to destroy the inhabitants and other living creatures on the earth. God’s judgement upon a sinful world took place upon the evil that turned to violence and gives grace to those who choose to walk with Him. Noah chose to follow the path recorded in Joshua 24:15, “But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”. Noah was sinful like everyone else, but he chose to follow the Lord and turn to Him for forgiveness when he sinned. He did not let the sin turn into violence and he found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

LESSON: Be obedient to the tasks that the Lord gives you.

Chapter 8

The flood subsides in chapter 8 and Noah tests the waters by sending out birds to determine the condition of the land. Finally, a dove that is sent out does not return, indicating it found a place to land. The ark landed on a mountain and the door was opened allowing all animals, birds, and creeping things to go and populate the earth once again. Noah and his family come out of the ark and conduct a worship service to honor the Lord for their salvation. The Lord then makes a covenant with Noah (and all mankind) that He will never again send a curse on the ground or the living creatures therein.

LESSON: Spend time in worship of God when He has brought you through the dark waters of life. Do you return to give Him thanks? (Luke 17:11-19 – Ten Lepers healed but only one gives thanks).

Chapter 9

God gives a blessing and instruction to Noah and his sons to “be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth”. Animals will now fear man. Every moving thing will be a source of food. God establishes a rule that man shall not take the life of another without having his own life taken away. God again establishes and verbalizes the covenant to Noah and his sons that He will not destroy the earth again with a flood and gives them a sign as a reminder. The chapter concludes with a short history of Noah’s family and the shameful event of Noah’s drunkenness and nakedness.

LESSON: After a great victory or blessing, Satan comes to tempt us to sin. This is the time to be ready for spiritual battle with the forces of evil. Be sure your prepared to do battle by taking on the Armour of God prior to the event. (Ephesians 6:10 - 18)