

## **Lesson 14: God Judged the Whole World and Delivered Noah and All in the Ark**

Let me start off by saying that there are over 270 different nations, races, and tribes that have in their tradition a flood story.

- The Samokubo tribe of Padua, New Guinea;
- the Athapascan Indians on America's West Coast;
- the Papago Indians of Arizona;
- the Algonquin Indians of Northeast United States;
- the Brazilian tribes, a number of them;
- the original people of Cuba;
- the Mexicans;
- the natives of Alaska;
- the Hottentots;
- the Greenlanders;
- natives of Hawaii.
- They have a flood story with a main character named Nu'u.
- The Welsh, the Lithuanians, and flood traditions exist in the history of India and China and Egypt.

**Eighty-eight percent of the flood narratives, of the 270 or so flood narratives,**

**88 percent of 'em say that there was, in the midst of the flood, a favored family that was spared.**

**Seventy percent say survival was by means of a boat.**

**Ninety-five percent say the sole cause of this great catastrophe that came on the whole world was a flood.**

**And that is to say it was a flood and nothing else.**

**Sixty-six percent of these traditions say that it came because of man's wickedness.**

**Sixty-seven percent of these traditional flood stories that animals also were saved.**

**Fifty-seven percent of the stories say the survivors ended up on a mountain.**

**Many of them use some form of Noah's name, like the Hawaiian legend about Nu'u...**

**Many of them speak about birds being sent out. Many of them speak about a rainbow. And many of them say that eight people were saved.**

And those stories come from a common source, because all humanity comes from a common family - family of Noah. All the tribes of the world came out of that family, and they would then have, at their very origins, a flood story.

**The flood did happen, and it did create, essentially, a story that was passed down from that first family and has woven its way through all of human history.**

**The flood was the second massive catastrophic event in the history of the world.** The first was creation in six days. That is catastrophic. The creation of the universe in six 24-hour days by God out of nothing was the first massive catastrophe. And the universe was created mature, full-grown, with no process. The second great catastrophe was the flood. Creation lasted six days. The flood lasted a year and a month. Creation gave us the first earth. The flood gave us the second earth. The earth that we know and experience.

We'll get into the historical account from Genesis and discover why God brought a flood upon the earth...but first, let's review last week's lesson.

### **Review of questions from Lesson 13:**

1. Why did God accept Abel and his offering? *Abel believed God:*

- *Abel agreed with God that he was a sinner and that only God could save him from punishment. Abel believed God. He was trusting God to send a Deliverer, just as He had promised to Adam and Eve while they were still in the Garden of Eden.*
- *Abel brought a sheep, killed it, and let its blood run out, just as God had told him to do.*

2. Why did God reject Cain and his offering?

- *Cain did not believe God.*
- *Cain did not agree with God that he was a sinner and that only God could save him from punishment.*
- *Cain did not believe God. He did not trust in God's promise to send a Deliverer who would destroy Satan and save man.*
- *Cain didn't bring the offering which God said they must bring.*

3. Why did God reason with Cain? *Because God loved Cain and wanted him to agree that he was a sinner and that he should bring the correct sacrifice.*

4. Did Cain believe and agree with God? *No.*

5. What did Cain do? *He was angry, and he killed his brother, Abel.*

6. How did God know what Cain had done? *God sees and knows everything.*

7. Why will God punish people for saying and doing evil things to others? *Because all people rightfully belong to God. When people hurt others, they are also sinning against God.*

8. Does God forget about sin against others if the person makes it right with the one whom he wronged? *No. God's punishment for all sin is separation from Him forever in the place of everlasting punishment, the Lake of Fire, which He prepared for Satan and the demonic spirits who followed him.*

9. Did Cain finally change his mind? *No! He went away from God.*

10. What was the result? *Cain's descendants followed his example. They all lived and died separated from God. They basically were the originators of the motto: "good times and rock and roll."*

11. Do you know of anything you can do to make payment for the sins you have committed? *No. There is nothing man can do to make the payment for his sins.*

12. What were the things for which Cain and his descendants lived? *For money and the material things of life.*

13. Why did God give Seth to Adam and Eve?

- *God gave him to replace Abel.*
- *God gave him so the Deliverer would be born through his family line.*

In our last lesson, we saw the terrible results of sin, passed down from one generation to another. We also saw God's gracious provision of a way for men to come to Him by faith. The Bible is an amazing historical record. Let's begin by taking a look at the chronological chart.

### **A. From Adam to Noah:**

From Adam to Noah, there were ten generations of men who believed God and continued to look for the coming Deliverer promised in the Garden of Eden.

**CHRONOLOGICAL CHART:** Show the names of the generations of believers from Adam to Noah, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, and Noah.

The portion of Bible history we will study today tells about God's grace to Noah and his three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and their families.

The story took place 1500 years or more after the creation of Adam.

Keep in mind as we read that this account in Genesis is mentioned again many times throughout the Bible and it is always presented as historical fact.

### **B. Increased Population:**

By the time of Noah, Shem, Ham and Japheth, there was a large population living on the earth. But the vast majority were interested only in having "good times & rock n roll".

- They gave no thought to how they should please God.

### **C. God the Holy Spirit was striving with the people.**

Theme: God communicates with man.

Theme: God is loving, merciful and gracious.

God saw and hated the sin of these people, but He also loved them and wanted them to repent.

- He wanted them to change their minds.
- He wanted them to admit they were wrong.
- He wanted them to believe in Him.

God, the Holy Spirit was constantly telling them to repent, but they would not.

Read **Genesis 6:3 (GW)**

<sup>3</sup> Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not struggle with humans forever, because they are flesh and blood. They will live 120 years."

God wanted them to know that He would not always continue to tell them His message.

- If they continued to resist Him, He would let them follow Satan, and He would punish them.
- God said He would give them 120 yrs.
- If they did not repent within the time frame of 120 yrs., He would punish them.

There is a battle raging for people's minds.

- God, the Holy Spirit speaks to us in our minds, striving for our attention.
- He speaks to us through God's Word and through other people.
- The voice of God, the Spirit says to us, "Listen to God's way and trust in Him."

But because Satan also speaks inside our minds, sometimes it seems as if a war is going on inside us. The voices of Satan and his demons say, "Don't listen to God's message."

- Satan tries to tell us, "You can get along without God."

But if you refuse to listen to God and believe, the voice of God the Spirit which has been talking to you may leave.

- His voice may not always keep trying to make you believe God.
- You can refuse to hear the voice of God to the point that your heart becomes hardened and you build up a wall, a barrier that makes it harder and harder for you to hear God speaking to you.
- If you refuse to agree with Him and believe His message, His voice may become quieter and quieter.
- He will let you go your own way.

**When a person's heart no longer listens to God, the Bible calls this a hardened heart.**

- This is terribly sad & grievous to God, for He knows that when a person dies with a hardened heart, he will go to everlasting punishment to be separated from God forever.

God says in **Ezekiel 33:11 (GW)**

<sup>11</sup> "Tell them, 'As I live, declares the Almighty LORD, I don't want wicked people to die. Rather, I want them to turn from their ways and live. Change the way you think and act! Turn from your wicked ways! Do you want to die, people of Israel?'"

**Increased Wickedness**

**Theme: Man is a sinner. He needs God and is helpless to save himself.**

**Read Genesis 6:5, v. 11-12**

<sup>5</sup> The LORD saw how evil humans had become on the earth. All day long their deepest thoughts were nothing but evil.... **Genesis 6:11-12 (GW)**

<sup>11</sup> The world was corrupt in God's sight and full of violence.

<sup>12</sup> God saw the world and how corrupt it was because all people on earth lived evil lives.

**The majority of the people followed the godless ways of Cain.**

- They were becoming more and more sinful
- They refused to believe God's message and to trust in Him and His mercy.

These people were born sinners because they were Adam's descendants.

Because they loved their sin and deliberately refused to agree with God.

**Compare:**

*Not only were the people of Noah's day the offspring of Adam, but all of us, as well, are descendants of Adam. We were all born outside of the Garden of Eden, separated from God, and sinners because we are from Adam. All people sin because we were all born sinners, separated from God.*

*People also sin because they love their sin. No one can blame anyone else. We cannot blame Adam or God or Satan. **We ourselves have chosen to sin.***

*As we read the Bible, we need to ask ourselves, 'How does this passage apply to me? Am I thinking in the way that is talked about here? Am I doing any of the things mentioned here?'*

**The people of Noah's time had no room in their thoughts for God.**

- They refused to acknowledge God even though they knew of His existence.
- Signs of His handiwork were all around them in His creation, but they were not thankful to God nor did they believe Him.
- He also spoke to them through men called prophets.
  - One of Seth's descendants, Enoch, was one of God's prophets.
  - Now God was speaking through Noah (2 Peter 2:5 calls Noah "a preacher of righteousness")
- Men had no excuse for their behavior.
- They were simply rebelling against God.
- They were giving in to their own evil desires.

Verse 5 tells us that "every imagination of the thoughts of his [man's] heart was only evil continually."

- Their minds were focused on material things and on their bodies and on their ambition for self-advancement.

- They were proud, self-centered, and boastful
- They wanted what other people had.
- They were jealous of and hateful to other people.
- They argued and fought all the time.
- They were cruel, and many were even murderers.
- They constantly tricked, lied, and deceived one another.
- They were ruthless in their business practices.
- They continually gossiped and said evil things about others behind their backs.
- They were totally unrestrained in their sexual passions, and they even engaged in unnatural relationships.

**Compare:**

Does any of this sound familiar? Just look at some of the most recent headlines:

***Same-Sex Marriages Proceed in Alabama as State Judge’s Order Is Defied***

***Fifth service member dies after Chattanooga shooting where a Muslim terrorist opened fire at a recruiting station.***

Domino’s Delivery Woman Kidnapped, Raped At Gunpoint After Antioch Delivery  
[Ala. begins issuing marriage licenses to gay couples](#)

- **Boy, 13, shot dead during confrontation over Facebook**

**Wave of Fake Federal and State Tax Returns Filed, Experts Say**

**A pro-life group has released an online video documenting how Planned Parenthood is selling the fetal organs of babies for a profit.**

- The fiddling with temperature data is the biggest science scandal ever
- Meteorologist Anthony Watts on ‘adjusted’ U.S. temperature data: ‘In the business and trading world, people go to jail for such manipulations of data.
- NYC Mom Threatens to Blow Up After Daughter Fails Final Exam.

The moral and spiritual condition of mankind described in Genesis 6 should make us stop to think about the fact that man is now in a similar state of decline and wickedness.

**D. God saw the unbelieving world and its sin.**

**Theme: God is everywhere all the time; He knows everything.**

**Read Genesis 6:5 (GW) <sup>5</sup> The LORD saw how evil humans had become on the earth. All day long their deepest thoughts were nothing but evil.**

**Genesis 6:12 (GW)**

<sup>12</sup> God saw the world and how corrupt it was because all people on earth lived evil lives.

God saw all their sin.

They may have hidden their lives, adultery, stealing, and murder from others.

- But none of it was hidden from God; He saw it all
  - God always see everything.
  - No one can hide anything from Him.
  - God is everywhere and sees everything at all times.
  - He knows our thoughts and sees everything that is done in secret.
  - He hears every word we speak and knows the motives of our hearts.

## **E. God decided to destroy the world.**

**Theme:** God is holy and righteous. He demands death as the payment for sin.

### **Read Genesis 6:5-7 (GW)**

<sup>5</sup> The LORD saw how evil humans had become on the earth. All day long their deepest thoughts were nothing but evil.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD was sorry that he had made humans on the earth, and he was heartbroken.

<sup>7</sup> So he said, "I will wipe off the face of the earth these humans that I created. I will wipe out not only humans, but also domestic animals, crawling animals, and birds. I'm sorry that I made them."

The people were so wicked that the Lord said He would destroy them and everything on the earth that He had made and given to them.

**Consider:** Do you think God really would destroy all who would not repent and trust in Him? Yes, God does what He says.

### **Compare:**

Back in the garden, God said to Adam and Eve, "If you disobey, you will die. You will be separated from Me." They disobeyed and they died just as God had said. God made it clear to Cain and Abel that, if they wanted to approach Him and be accepted, they had to bring a sheep and shed its blood. God meant what He said. He rejected Cain because he came in his own way.

Now, in Noah's time, God said He was going to destroy the earth and all life in it by sending a great flood. God was going to make it rain, even though it had never rained before. Does God keep His Word? Were these mere threats?

How many times have you threatened to do something when you were angry, and then forgotten it when you "cooled off"? Or how many times have you who are parents threatened to punish your children, and then let them slip by without your making true on your word? Is God like us? Does He merely make threats? No! God always does what He says.

## **F. God was gracious to Noah**

**Theme: God is loving, merciful and gracious.**

**Theme: Man is a sinner. He needs God and is helpless to save himself.**

Because of God's love and mercy, there was one man and his family whom God was not going to destroy.

Read **Genesis 6:7-10 (GW)**

<sup>7</sup> So he said, "I will wipe off the face of the earth these humans that I created. I will wipe out not only humans, but also domestic animals, crawling animals, and birds. I'm sorry that I made them."

<sup>8</sup> But the LORD was pleased with Noah.

<sup>9</sup> This is the account of Noah and his descendants. Noah had God's approval and was a man of integrity among the people of his time. He walked with God.

<sup>10</sup> He had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Noah was born a sinner under Satan's control just like all of Adam's descendants.

- Noah did not deserve to be saved by God.
- He too deserved to be punished.

**Theme: Man must have faith in order to please God.**

**Theme: Man can come to God only according to God's will and plan.**

But Noah came to God like Abel, Seth, and Enoch, bringing the blood of animals.

- Noah listened to God's words to him.
- He repented, believed, and came to God in the way God told him.
- Noah trusted God to save him through the coming Deliverer.

Because of His grace, God forgave and accepted Noah. The word "grace" has many depths of meaning, but here is a simple definition:

**GRACE: God's kindness to undeserving sinners.**

## **G. God gave instructions to Noah.**

**Theme: God communicates with man.**

Because the people were so evil and would not change their minds and come to God, He decided to destroy the whole earth.

**But what about Noah and his family?**

Read **Genesis 6:11-21 (GW)**

<sup>11</sup> The world was corrupt in God's sight and full of violence.

- <sup>12</sup> God saw the world and how corrupt it was because all people on earth lived evil lives.
- <sup>13</sup> God said to Noah, "I have decided to put an end to all people because the earth is full of their violence. Now I'm going to destroy them along with the earth.
- <sup>14</sup> Make yourself a ship of cypress wood. Make rooms in the ship and coat it inside and out with tar.
- <sup>15</sup> This is how you should build it: the ship is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high.
- <sup>16</sup> Make a roof for the ship, and leave an 18-inch-high opening at the top. Put a door in the side of the ship. Build the ship with lower, middle, and upper decks.
- <sup>17</sup> I'm about to send a flood on the earth to destroy all people under the sky—every living, breathing human. Everything on earth will die.
- <sup>18</sup> "But I will make my promise to you. You, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives will go into the ship.
- <sup>19</sup> Bring two of every living creature into the ship in order to keep them alive with you. They must be male and female.
- <sup>20</sup> Two of every type of bird, every type of domestic animal, and every type of creature that crawls on the ground will come to you to be kept alive.
- <sup>21</sup> Take every kind of food that can be eaten and store it. It will be food for you and the animals."

**Theme: Man can come to God only according to God's will and plan.**

This boat had to be built just as God told Noah.

Noah had to follow God's instructions. The ark had to be built according to God's plan.

**Consider:** *God didn't just say, "Noah, I am going to judge the world. I am going to send a great flood. You had better do something about it. Now start building an ark." God instructed Noah on how to build it.*

**Compare:** *It was just like the clothing of Adam and Eve. The clothing they made was not acceptable to God. Their clothing had to be what God wanted. Cain and Abel's offerings also had to be according to the way God had said. The ark, too, had to be built according to God's plan.*

**Theme: God is everywhere all the time; He knows everything.**

God knew exactly how the ark should be built, and He gave Noah careful instructions.

**Consider:** *We do not know exactly how the ark looked, but God did record specific dimensions that are meaningful to us today. Interestingly enough, the dimensions that God gave Noah for the ark were proportioned to the huge, ocean-going ships built in the 20th century. God created the universe: God set up the laws that control floatation: God had no problem creating the perfect design for a huge ship! And, to our knowledge, no ships this large were built from the time of the ark until the twentieth century!*

*These are interesting details that remind us of God's great knowledge of all things and of the truth of the Bible.*

- But there is one very important point we need to especially remember about the way God told Noah to build this boat.

- Every person and every animal that was to be saved from God's judgment had to come into the ark by this door.
- **There was only ONE ARK in which people could be saved from God's wrath, and there was ONLY ONE DOOR to enter the ark.**

## **H. Noah obeyed God.**

**Theme: Man must have faith in order to please God and be saved.**

**Read** Genesis 6:22 (GW)

<sup>22</sup> **Noah did this. He did everything that God had commanded him.**

### **Noah believed God.**

- He trusted in and depended on God to save him and his family from the flood which God said He would send.
- Remember--there had never been rain in the world.
- Until this time, the world was watered by mist which rose up from the ground.
- So, no one had ever seen rain.

Nevertheless, Noah believed that God could not lie when He said He would send a flood.

Noah believed God so He obeyed and built the ark just as God had said.

### **Contrast:**

*Because some people cannot see God, Heaven, or the place of punishment which God has prepared, they will NOT believe. Nevertheless, all that the Bible says is true. Noah believed God even though Noah had never seen rain.*

## **I. God told Noah to bring his family, the animals, and the birds into the ark.**

**Read** Genesis 7:1-5 (GW)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ship with your whole family because I have seen that you alone are righteous among the people of today.

<sup>2</sup> Take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal (a male and a female of each) and one pair of every kind of unclean animal (a male and a female).

<sup>3</sup> Also, take seven pairs of every kind of bird (a male and a female of each) to preserve animal life all over the earth after the flood.

<sup>4</sup> In seven days I will send rain to the earth for 40 days and 40 nights. I will wipe off the face of the earth every living creature that I have made."

<sup>5</sup> So Noah did everything that the LORD commanded him.

Noah warned the people of God's coming judgment.

The people in Noah's time did not accept God's words which Noah spoke to them.

- They wouldn't agree with the Holy Spirit when He spoke in their minds, reminding them of God's warnings.
- They refused to agree with God that they were wrong and that they deserved His punishment.
- They would not trust in His promise to send the Deliverer.
- They didn't believe that God would destroy the world with a great flood.

**Theme: God is loving, merciful, and gracious.**

God had waited patiently for 120 yrs. for them to change their minds, but He would wait no longer; it was time for God to punish them.

**Theme: God communicates with man.**

Before it started to rain, God told Noah to take his family and the chosen animals into the finished boat.

**Theme: Man must have faith in order to please God and to be saved.**

Noah believed that God was going to destroy the whole world. He also believed that he and his family could ONLY be saved by God, so he did what God said.

God didn't save Noah because of his good life.

God saved him because Noah agreed with and trusted in God. He agreed with God that he was a sinner and He agreed with God that only God could save him and his family by building the boat and doing what God had commanded.

**J. They all entered by one door.**

Theme: Man can come to God only according to God's will and plan.

**Read Genesis 7:10-16 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> And after seven days the waters of the flood came upon the earth.

<sup>11</sup> In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened.

<sup>12</sup> And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

<sup>13</sup> On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark,

<sup>14</sup> they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature.

<sup>15</sup> They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life.

<sup>16</sup> And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in.

Noah and his family all went into the ark through the one door which God had told Noah to make.

- This was the ONLY way anyone could be saved from the flood and God's wrath against sin.

- All the animals also came into the boat by the only door.

## **K. God shut them in.**

**Theme: God is supreme and sovereign.**

### **Read Genesis 7:16 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup> And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in.

After they all were inside, God shut the door.

**Consider:** *The Lord shut him in (v. 16). Sometimes we read right through wonderful things in the Bible without even realizing what God has said! God Himself shut Noah as well as his family and all the animals inside the place of safety!*

**God wasn't going to allow more time for the other people to change their minds and believe.**

- When God shut the door, it was too late.
- Even if they cried or pleaded outside the door, they could not enter the ark.
- Noah could not let them in because God had shut them out. They had no way to be saved.
- Those inside the boat were safe because God had shut them in.
- Those outside the boat now had no way to escape God's anger because God had shut them out.

**Compare:** When God put Adam and Eve out of the garden away from the tree of life, was there any way for them to get back in? No, none!

When God decides it is time to punish the world, there is no escape from Him.

## **L. God destroyed all those outside the ark.**

**Theme: God is holy and righteous. He demands death as the payment for sin.**

### **Read Genesis 7:17-18 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup> The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.

<sup>18</sup> The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

### **Genesis 7:21-23 (ESV)**

<sup>21</sup> And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind.

<sup>22</sup> Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died.

<sup>23</sup> He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark.

After God had shut the door of the ark, He sent the rain.  
(visual of the ark, chronological picture no. 10--Noah's Ark)

**Theme: God is all-powerful.**

**Theme: God is supreme and sovereign.**

God has control over all the earth, the rain, wind, sun, moon, stars, and everything else. He made all these things and He controls them all.

There was so much water that it covered the whole world--even the highest mountains.

- Remember what the world was like when God first made it? it was darkness, and deep water covering the whole earth.
- On the first day, God created light.
- On the second day, He made the air and the blue sky and He put much of the water which had been on the earth up above the sky, probably as a canopy of mist or vapor which encircled the earth.

Now when God's time to flood the earth had come, God made the water which He had placed up above the sky fall back onto the ground as rain.

There was no ordinary rain--this was a deluge!

The waters also came up from underground sources.

**Theme: God is all-powerful!**

God can do anything.

- Nothing is impossible to Him.
- He alone is almighty.

God made it rain for forty days and nights until the whole earth was covered with water, even for the highest mountains and trees.

Everyone outside the ark was destroyed by God.

- All of the other people had refused to believe, and God destroyed them all.
- Only Noah and his family believed God and therefore entered into the ark.

## **M. Conclusion:**

God is patient with men.

In Noah's day, God waited for 120 yrs for men to repent of their evil ways.

They had no excuse for their sin.

They simply refused to listen to God, though He warned them again and again through Noah.

Then, in a moment, in the midst of their sin and their godless living, they were swept away.

Every man, woman, and child outside of the ark died in the flood.

God is holy and righteous.

He is a God of love, but He is indeed a God of wrath against sin.

But Noah and his family believed God, and they weathered the storm safely inside the ark.

In the Disney animated classic *Alice in Wonderland*, Alice, wanders through a frustrating world of tardy rabbits, singing flowers, and one curious-talking cat. Her visit with the cat begins as she continues down a mysterious darkened trail and stops at a large tree. The tree is covered with signs that point in every possible direction: "Up," "Down," "Yonder," "Back," "This Way," and "That Way."

Poor Alice looks more confused than ever and asks herself, "Now let's see. Where was I? I wonder which way I ought to go?"

Just then, Alice hears a melodic voice that seems to be drifting down from the trees. She looks all around and finally observes two ghostly eyes and a wide toothy grin floating amongst the boughs of the great tree.

The grinning teeth inquire of Alice, "Lose something?"  
"N-n-no, I was just..." stammers Alice in reply.

Suddenly, a pink striped feline body emerges from the branches.

"Oh, you're a cat!"

"A cheshire cat," he responds.

"I just want to ask which way I ought to go," asks Alice.

"Well that depends on where you want to get to," says the cat.

"Well, it really doesn't matter," answers Alice.

"Then it really doesn't matter which way you go," says the enigmatic cat just before vanishing into the woods again.

**There are those who would say that it doesn't matter which road you take, because all roads lead to heaven. But as the Cheshire cat said to Alice, "Well....it depends on where you want to get to?"**

If you want to get to Heaven. If you want to escape the coming judgment and the Lake of Fire, then there is **ONLY ONE DOOR**. There is only one way, and it is God's way. Christianity is not a "do it yourself" religion where we can make up the rules as we go along. Just as God had specific instructions for Noah in how to build the ark, and just as there was **ONLY ONE DOOR** to enter the ark. God has given us specific instructions on what is pleasing to Him and what He hates or detests. God has given us instructions on what we need to do in order to follow Him and worship Him. And....we'll talk more about that in the coming lessons.

But now, let's do a little review on today's lesson and see if you remember and understood what we talked about.

## Questions for Review:

1. What was the attitude of the majority of the people in the time when Noah lived? **They were obsessed with sex and pleasing themselves. They were selfish and violent. They were not interested in knowing or pleasing God.**
2. Do we see many similarities in the world today as compared with the time of Noah? Name some of the similarities. **Yes, there are many such as refusing to acknowledge God; thinking only of self and actively pursuing all kinds of evil--adultery, stealing, murder, etc.**
3. Who was speaking to the people's minds, telling them to change their attitude and come to God in faith? **God, the Holy Spirit.**
4. Who reminds people of God's Word and wants each one to seriously consider and believe what God has written in the bible? **God, the Holy Spirit.**
5. What did God say He was going to do because the people would not repent? **God said He would destroy all living things on the earth.**
6. Did Noah deserve to be delivered from everlasting punishment by God? **No. Noah was also a sinner. He deserved to be killed like all the other people.**
7. Why then did God decide to save Noah? **Because Noah agreed with God that he was a sinner and trusted God to save him through the coming Deliverer.**
8. What did God tell Noah to do? **God told him to build an ark.**
9. Did God allow Noah to build the ark however he wanted? **No. It had to be built exactly as God commanded Noah.**
10. What one important thing should we remember about the ark? **The ark had only ONE door. There was only ONE way to enter the ark and be saved from the judgment of God.**
11. Did Noah build the ark just as God said? **Yes.**
12. What else did Noah do while he was building the ark? **He was telling the people God's message and warning them that God was going to make it rain and the whole world would be destroyed by a flood.**
13. Had the people ever seen rain before? **No, it had never rained before this time.**
14. Did the people accept what Noah said and change their attitude? **No, they refused to believe and agree with God.**

15. How long did God wait for the people in Noah's time to agree with Him and to believe His word? **120 yrs.**

16. How did those saved from judgment get into the ark? **They all entered by the one and only door which God had told Noah to put in the side of the ark.**

17. Who shut the door? God did.

18. Why did God shut the door? **So that all those inside the ark would be safe and those outside the ark would not have the opportunity to enter and be saved.**

19. Can anyone escape God when He decides it is time to punish sin? **No.**

20. How did God cause the flood to cover all the high mountains and the earth? **God returned the earth to water--that He had placed above the sky when He was creating the earth, and He opened up the "springs of the great deep."**

21. Did anyone outside the ark escape death? **No, they all died.**

***Next week, Lesson 15: God Remembered Noah and All in the Ark; God Scattered the Rebels at the Tower of Babel***

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