

Noah – Lesson 3: God's Plan

Matthew 26:39 O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou *wilt*.

Did we learn our lesson? Study Questions from lesson 2 (Raising A Family)

1. According to Genesis 5:32, how old was Noah when he had his children?
Answer: 500 years old.
2. According to Genesis 5:32, what are Noah's son's names?
Answer: Shem, Ham and Japheth.
3. According to Genesis 6:9, what set Noah apart from the rest of humanity?
Answer: Noah was just.
4. According to Genesis 6:9, what indicates Noah had a special relationship with God?
Answer: Noah walked with God (a personal relationship as with Adam and Enoch).
5. Complete the following scripture:
Joshua 24:15 Choose you this day whom ye will serve.

True / False

- True** Noah had three sons (GEN 5:32 – Shem, Ham and Japheth)
- True** Noah sets a good example (GEN 6:9 – *Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations*)
- True** The believer should separate themselves from sin (LEV 20:7 – Sanctify yourselves / be ye holy)
- True** The believer should seek to be an example (1 PET 1:16 – Be ye holy)

Extra Credit - In your opinion, are you an example of God's love? Why or why not?

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'That was not part of my plan' – Many people throughout history (for many reasons)

From an early age we are encouraged to plan. This is a good thing as it affords one with the opportunity to evaluate the risks and benefits, and account for typical worldly forces, such as financial (budgets and savings), career (education and advancement preparations), and even emergencies (smoke alarms, security systems, and in Florida it is all about hurricane preparations).

A prudent planner can even consider extreme events, but this is where many fall short in today's world, as there are many unplanned pregnancies, unsuccessful marriages, and unfulfilling careers – It is an indication that people are good at planning around everything except the heart, as this one thing, which should be known by the person, is fluid (ever changing) and easily fooled:

Psalm 12:1-4 – Flattery will get you everywhere

- (1) Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.
- (2) They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: *with* flattering lips *and* with a double heart do they speak.
- (3) The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, *and* the tongue that speaketh proud things:
- (4) Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips *are* our own: who *is* lord over us?

With the heart of humanity being misaligned from God (**JER 17:9** - Deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked), it is ripe for the misdirection of vanity (easy prey for Satan) and can quickly overcome even the most thorough of plans when not in the will of God.

This look at Noah will see him in a time when the difference between the plans of humanity and the plan of God come to an impasse, and the direction it leads to.

A case for change

Genesis 6:11-12 – A look at a humanity that had spoiled

(11) The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

(12) And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

As we saw in **GEN 6:5-7**, the Lord looked upon creation as contaminated with evil to the point where there was no good – Everywhere was a degree of corruption: That the Lord would destroy the earth and all in it:

- Isaiah 14:12-14 – Was not the first time

(12) How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

(13) For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

(14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Long before the fall of humanity (**GEN 3**) was the fall of Lucifer where his sin separated him from God (Pride - Exalting himself as God) as he and a third of the angels were cast out of heaven (**REV 12:8-9**). (Also see **EZEK 28**)

- Isaiah 5:21-25 – Was not the last time

(21) Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

(22) Woe unto *them that are* mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:

(23) Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

(24) Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

(25) Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses *were* torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

Isaiah prophesied woes against Judah as they not only accepted their sin, but celebrated it before God – As humanity continues to rebel against the Lord, disobedience is met with correction (**HEB 12:6** – Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth).

Note: As we examined Noah's testimony in lesson 2, only Noah was considered 'just' (**GEN 6:9**) which does not mean he was flawless, as he was still under the curse of all flesh (**GEN 3:17-19** – Return to dust:), as we know Noah died (**GEN 9:28**), but that he was faithful (**GEN 6:9** – Walked with God). This is why Noah was accepted of God (**GEN 6:8** – Grace in the eyes of the Lord) to be part of the Lord's plan

The plan revealed

Genesis 6:13 – Here is what I am going to do

(13) And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

This is the point in time where the Lord revealed to Noah what will be accomplished as a consequence to sin; that all will be destroyed from off the face of the earth.

People had plans, and Noah knows many of these people as they are all related – Conquest, economic, romantic, entertainment, etc. and all were misaligned with the plan of God. Up until now, Noah must have had plans as he has a wife, three sons, and we will see later that they have all taken wives (**GEN 6:18**) - There is probably much to consider as he would have hopes that his sons would also walk with God, and not turn their backs on the Lord as the rest of humanity.

Noah's part in God's plan

Genesis 6:14 – Here is your direction

(14) Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

When this conversation is reviewed it is often portrayed as unexpected to Noah (you want me to do what?) but we know that God and Noah had a special relationship (**GEN 6:9** – Walked with God) which would bring certain insights to how God viewed creation. Since only Noah was noted as 'just' (**GEN 6:8**), this was probably not a surprise, and would explain why Noah, without question or hesitation, accepted the direction of God.

Note: A description of the ark is detailed (**GEN 6:15-16**) to allow one to grasp the magnitude of the project.

Genesis 6:17-19 – Here is your role

(17) And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die.

(18) But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

(19) And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

God explains to Noah how this will be accomplished (**GEN 6:17** – A flood of waters), the scope (**GEN 6:17** - Every thing shall die), and Noah's role (**GEN 6:18** – A covenant between God and Noah, to include his family, and **GEN 6:19** – To preserve the animal kingdom).

A great deal of responsibility for one person, as God reveals to Noah that he will be the patriarch of all the coming generations, with the extermination of the rest of humanity (the rest of the lineage of Seth, the lineage of Cain, and the sons of God with left heaven)

- Luke 17:26-27 – Wills misaligned (will happen again)

(26) And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

(27) They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

The Lord provides insight to the thoughts of God – Regardless of the plans of humanity, the plan of God is absolute. Whether one's plans are simple (the everyday activities of life – Eating, drinking, comradery, etc.), or complex (charting out the course of the future – Marriage, investments, projects), all are meaningless to the plan of God.

For the believer, the Lord is offering the same warning to us as Noah received – This world is coming to an end and you need to be prepared to align to God's plan:

- John 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

God has provided the 'plan of salvation' to whosoever comes to the Lord – This plan supersedes all other plans and is eternal (will not expire or be rescinded)

- Revelation 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Whosoever rejects God's plan will find themselves isolated from God in eternal torment

Next Lesson: Noah – The Flood

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Study Questions

1. According to Genesis 6:11, what was the earth filled with?

2. According to Genesis 6:13, what did God state He would destroy?

3. According to Genesis 6:14, what was the ark to be made of?

4. According to Genesis 6:18, who is to accompany Noah on the ark?

5. Complete the following scripture:

Matthew 26:39 Nevertheless not as I _____, but as thou _____.

True / False

Reference

T F Lucifer aimed to be equal to God

T F The tribe of Judah was punished for pride

T F When Christ returns, all will be saved

T F Those not in the book of life will go to purgatory

EXTRA CREDIT – In your opinion, are your plans aligned with God, and why or why not?
