

# New Testament Applications from Genesis 6

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# God is Patient (Gen. 6:1-2, 6, 11-12)

- Just as in the days of Noah, God is patient. He desires for none to perish (**2 Pet. 3:1-9**).
  - Since we know God's patience will be followed by judgment (with the flood serving as an example), this knowledge should lead us to repentance (**Rom. 2:1-5**).
- God's patience has granted us time to repent and turn to Him. If we do not repent and turn from all wickedness, we are without excuse (**Rev. 2:18-21**).

# God's Patience Will Not Last Forever (Gen. 6:3, 7, 13)

- If we rebel against God and His law, He will not strive with us (**Psalms 103:8-9**).
- He will only continue and strive with us if we repent and live in accordance with his Law. If we do not repent, we will perish (**Luke 13:1-5; Rev. 2:18-23**).
- We must be prepared for God's judgment (**2 Pet. 3:10-14**).
- Since we do not know when God's patience will run its course, we must act and correct that which remains today (**Rev. 3:1-3; Rom. 13:11-14**).

# God's Promises are Contingent Upon Complete Obedience (Gen. 6:11-22)

- Noah was given very specific instructions as to how to build the ark and select animals for boarding the ark, and Noah responded appropriately (**Gen. 6:22; 7:5**).

***On this subject, there was a false idea (rooted in truth) floating around Facebook a few years ago that was shared frequently by accounts with millions of followers:***

“I have always thought that Noah was safe inside the Ark because he built it according to God's specifications. I thought that perhaps it was the strength of the gopher wood and the soundness of the architecture that ensured that the waters of the flood would not come into the Ark.

But today I encountered a verse that shifted this whole paradigm.

Let's read what Gen 7:16 says: ‘The animals going in were male and female of every living thing as God had commanded Noah . . . THEN GOD SHUT HIM IN.’

Don't miss this. Even after Noah had built the Ark, it was God Himself who shut him in, in order to shut out the waters of the flood . . .

. . . It is not the fact that you have locked your house that keeps you safe at night, it is not your good driving skills that keeps you safe on the road, neither it's your healthy eating habits that keeps you healthy - only God can shut you in and shut out the devil that is seeking to devour you.”

**(Facebook Post, Author Unknown, 2021)**

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- No doubt, God shut Noah in the ark and he was in the fold of safety and security by God's hand (**Psalms 28:7**).
- However, the trust Noah put in God led him to obedience, thus securing his safety and security (**Heb. 11:7**).
- Noah's obedience to God saved he and his family's physical lives. Today, our obedience to God will save our eternal lives (**Matt 7:21**).
- Today, we are required to walk like Noah, doing exactly as God commands, even down to the most "minor" detail (**John 14:15**).



# God Will Repay the Wicked (Gen. 6:7, 13)

- The result of sin is spiritual death (**Rom. 6:23a; James 1:14-15**).
  - Upon death, our soul's state is unchangeable (**Luke 16:23**).
  - All will be judged by our works – the things we have done in our earthly bodies – whether good or bad (**2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:11-15**).
- Those who do not deny themselves will face eternal punishment (**Gal. 5:16-21; Matt. 16:21-25**).
  - We must not indulge in self-satisfaction with no view of eternity (see **Isaiah 22:13; Prov. 23:35; Luke 12:19; 1 Cor. 15:32**).

# God Will Reward the Righteous (Gen. 6:8, 22)

- The righteous are saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8-10).
  - We must walk by faith, just as Noah and all the other faithful Old Testament examples did (**2 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 11:1-3, 6-7, 13-16; James 2:20-26**).
  - Noah did everything that God required. Only those who are completely and fully obedient will be rewarded (**Phil. 2:8; Matt. 22:37-40**).
  - Those who deny themselves will receive the eternal reward in Heaven (**Matt. 16:24-27; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 3:7-8**).
- God's offers his grace and salvation to us today, just as He did with Noah (**1 Pet. 3:18-21**).



# HAVE YOU RECEIVED GOD'S SALVATION YET? IF NOT . . .

- Do you want to find grace in God's eyes, just as Noah did?
- Are you ready to advantage of the fact that God has been longsuffering and patient with you?
- Are you willing to repent and turn away from your sins, thereby turning to God in full obedience?
- Are you ready to be baptized so you can come into salvation and receive the gift of Christ's blood – forgiveness of sins?
- Are you ready to begin walking by faith and denying yourself, walking in full and complete obedience?