

Genesis 6:8-22 - Lesson 16

Noah's Ark

1. 6:8 - Noah found Grace

- a. First mention of grace is here in a wicked world that deserves destruction
- b. *"in the eyes of the LORD"* - It was not something Noah earned or deserved.
- c. God is never obligated to give grace. He is obligated to do what he promises.
- d. God is gracious throughout the Bible - Exo 33:19-20, 34:6; Num 6:23-27; Neh 9:31
- e. God's grace showed to Gentiles in Jon 3:4-10-4:2, Psa 117
- f. The difference is how grace is offered:
 - i. under the law - Psa 119:29, Prov 3:34 (Jam 4:6-10) (not without works)
 - ii. it was prophesied - Zec 12:10, Acts 4:33 (not a mystery)
 - iii. by a little space - Ezra 9:8-9 (not abounding)
- g. You → Justified freely by his grace without works - Rom 3:24-26, 4:4, 5:1-2
- h. Dispensation of grace = grace and faith stand alone and abound in Christ - Eph 3
 - i. Grace abounds today by the dispensation of God's grace - Rom 5:20-21
 - ii. Men can only be saved by God's grace, not their works - Eph 2:8-9

2. 6:9-13 - Corruption in the Earth

- a. *"walked with God"* - which describes how he was just and perfect
- b. Noah was a righteous man in wicked times - Eze 14:14, Job 1:1, Dan 10:11
- c. *"upon the earth"* - Not just one place, but the entirety, Psa 14:1-4, Rom 3:10
- d. *"filled with violence"* - A description of their wickedness - Gen 6:2, Rom 1:26

3. 6:14-17 -The Ark and the Flood

- a. Noah's ark is unbelievable to many, but alien invasion, AI, and meteors are not
- b. Ark hunters show a belief in the Bible, but we don't need to find it to believe it.
- c. The skeptics ask questions but do not expect answers. Let God be true.
- d. Peter says the scoffers of God will deny the flood (God and judgment)- 2Pet 3
 - i. 1) Uniformitarianism = the idea that things continue as they always have
 1. Why? They believe in a deistic god or a materialistic universe
 - ii. 2) Genesis is fable and myth
 1. But the rest of the Bible mentions it and needs it for doctrine
 - iii. 3) The flood was a local flood (but "all flesh... under heaven")
 1. But they deny scripture and the intelligence of ancient man
- e. The ark was 300x50x30 with one door and one window and 3 stories.
- f. There was more food than animals and the animals came by 2s (male and female)

4. 6:18-22 - Command and Obedience

- a. First mention of the word "covenant" is with Noah... not given til Gen 9.
- b. *"By faith Noah ...prepared an ark"* - Heb 11:7
- c. He tells Noah to build an ark... but these are instructions not give to us.
- d. The just always live by faith - Rom 1:17
- e. The only way faith can be without your work is if God does the work.