

God Chooses Noah
Message 10
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Genesis 6:7-13 (NIV) - So the LORD said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth".

Quick observations:

-Did God change His mind? God is grieving over disobedience and wickedness.¹

-Genesis 4:26 can actually be translated "when men began to profane the name of the Lord". This makes sense since we see Noah and the beginning of the flood just 2 chapters later.

- Time from creation to flood 1656 years (Noah was 600)²
- Time to build the ark? 55-75 years. Probably over 1 million people on the earth (Henry Morris).
- Gen. 6:3 - 120 years before God would destroy with flood
Sons of God/ daughters of man- "They were probably powerful rulers who were controlled (indwelt) by fallen angels. It may be that fallen angels left their habitation and inhabited bodies of human despots and warriors, the mighty ones of the earth".³

¹ Answersingenesis.org, Stacia McKeever

² Answersingenesis.org, Ken Ham

³ The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures by Dallas Seminary Faculty.

-Noah was not perfect but his faith was in God. Genesis 7:1- The LORD then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation.

-**Hebrews 11:7 (NIV)** - By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

-During his time total wickedness – Enoch preached (Jude 14, 15)

-Their mind was on evil, all of the time. Genesis 6:5

-Notice in chapter 5 we begin to see physical death. Both physical and spiritual death are a result of the fall.

-Enoch didn't die, we will look at tonight

Noah trusted God and because of it, we are saved today. Luke 3:36
Noah's obedience impacts me, and my obedience directly impacts others.

Noah trusted God:

1) In spite of the unknown

- Never seen rain before (mist)
- What if it didn't work?
- We may not know what the future holds but we know who holds the future.

2) In spite of opposition and wickedness

- Genesis 6:5
- Imagine that Noah was the laughing stock of the area
- What might those around him been doing to prevent the building of the ark?
- Wickedness and opposition around us- stay on track

3) In spite of being outnumbered

- 8 in Noah's family (Genesis 6:18, 1 Peter 3:20, 2 Peter 2:5)

4) Because of this trust/ faith, you and I are here today (Jesus)

- Luke 3:36
- 1 Peter 3:18-20
- Door to the ark...
- Matthew 7:13-14
- John 10:9

Your faithfulness matters! It could mean life or death!