



There are many things that we can learn from the story of Noah's Ark. But most folks won't learn from them because they don't believe what the Bible said about it. For them, great flood that happened in the entire globe is farfetched. Historians have a rule of thumb they follow when encountering stories that are repeated across many cultures which seem to agree on so much. If there are these many facts that agree historians would conclude that the story is true. Therefore, let us take advantage that it was recorded in the Bible and let us learn from the history.

### ***Lessons From Noah's Great Flood Experience***

#### **SIN IS BIG DEAL TO GOD**

Genesis 6:5-7 - <sup>5</sup> The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. <sup>6</sup> The Lord regretted that he had

made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. <sup>7</sup> 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" (NIV)."

These verses are talking about something that happened thousands of years ago. But when I read it, it's just like talking about the present time. Verse 6 said that they couldn't even have clean thoughts. They like to hurt someone or gain advantage over someone. Life was cheap and honor was despised. That was what it was like in the world of Noah's day. Anybody who had any trace of being nice just didn't have a chance. Nice folks were either corrupted or killed. Morality was not to be tolerated because it made too many people uncomfortable. Good thing that our God is gracious. ? I believe in God's grace. In fact, I'm so grateful to God for giving me His grace. But I got saved by His grace. But unfortunately, people often abuse God's grace.

Some Christians believe in "Once Saved Always Saved." However, people who believe in "Once Saved Always Saved" often twist the interpretation of these verses to suit what they want to hear and continue to live their wicked life. They don't care if they commit pre-marital sex, adultery, drunkenness, homosexuality, or murder, or watch pornography because they want to believe Once Saved Always Saved.

We love to say, "God is gracious. God is merciful. God understands my weakness." We love to use these as our license to continue sinning. God is serious in his dealing with sins. Believe it or not...there's always consequence to sin.

### **RIGHTEOUSNESS BEGETS BIG FAVOR FROM GOD**

Genesis 6:8-9,17-18 - "<sup>8</sup> But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. <sup>9</sup> 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...<sup>17</sup> I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath

of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. <sup>18</sup> But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark - you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you (NIV)."

There was one guy that refused to fit in. In a world that was unbelievably evil...there's a man who was unquestionably righteous. His name was Noah. But what made Noah so righteous? What made him different than everybody else? What does it mean "he walked faithfully with God" It meant that he spent the majority of his time with God. He didn't just give God his weekends. Everywhere he walked, everything he accomplished in life, he took God along with him.

Whatever God told Noah to do, that's exactly what he did. He did what is right in the eyes of God. Now THIS is important. Noah did everything God told him to do even when it seemed crazy to do it. Hebrews 11:7a says that, "By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family.

If you're going to walk with God you've got to be willing to follow Him all the way. And if you do that people around you are going to call you crazy. You'll end up making choices they would not make. Sinful living results to punishment. But righteous living results to favor.

### **GOD HAS BIG PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE**

Genesis 6:13-14,18-22 - "<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out... <sup>18</sup> But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. <sup>19</sup> You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. <sup>20</sup> Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept

alive. <sup>21</sup> You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.” <sup>22</sup> Noah did everything just as God commanded him (NIV).”

Noah was just an ordinary person like you and me. I believe he was just living a normal life , doing his job, providing for his family, caring for them, worshipping God regularly. But what he doesn't know is that his life is extraordinary in the eyes of God.

What could be ordinary life in our eyes is possibly extraordinary in the eyes of God as long as we're living our life as a way of worship to Him. If you're living your life for God, He has a big purpose for you. Noah caught God's attention with his life. This is why God told him to build a big ship, collect two of each kind of bird and land animal, and then after the flood, to repopulate the new earth. . Colossians 3:23-24 stated, “<sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, <sup>24</sup> since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving (NIV).”

God has big purpose for all of us who believe in Him. Can God entrust us with this big purpose He has prepared for us to do? Is our character and attitude suitable to accomplish what He planned for us to achieve? Great purpose requires great character. Great purpose requires great attitude. Great purpose requires right perspective. If we're not prepared for God's grand plan for us to accomplish

The lesson from the story and the flood is that there is a coming judgment. There will be a time when God's patience with us will run out. And when that time comes will you be inside the shelter of God's protection... or will you be on the outside and face His judgment? The choice is yours.

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Discussion Question  
**LIFE GROUPS**

- 1.) In the environment that you are in now (home, work, school, etc.), what is the atmosphere when it comes to dealings with sin?***
- 2.) How about you, what is the spiritual atmosphere of your life lately?***
- 3.) Share a life experience when your obedience with God was rewarded by his favor?***
- 4.) What important lessons have you learned in this message?***