

## EXPOSITION OF GENESIS

### Message #23

### Genesis 6:9-22

Verse 9 begins a new, third “toledoth” (these are the generations of) section and this section is about Noah (Genesis 6:9-9:29). This section tells the story of a life that God spared, when He destroyed all others. “It is,” as Dr. Ross said, “what became of Noah.”

### **BEFORE GOD SENDS HIS JUDGMENT HE MAKES PROVISIONS OF ESCAPE FOR ONE WHO IS RIGHT WITH HIM.**

Noah was a man right with God and God used him, blessed him and spared him. No matter how corrupt society becomes, one may be completely righteous.

**SUBJECT #1** - What Noah was like. 6:9-10

**Reality #1** - Noah was faithful to God. 6:9a

The Hebrew terms “righteous” and “blameless” describe Noah’s life before God and before people. Noah was a righteous man who was innocent in his character; he was a man of integrity. Noah had been forgiven of his sins and was faithful to God. He lived his life dedicated to righteous things, not to sinful things. The prepositional phrase “in his time” means that Noah maintained his faithfulness before God all throughout his lifetime, even when the rest of the world had become completely wicked. Notice the chronology, as Morris said - first. Noah found grace and then he became a man who walked with God (*The Genesis Record*, p. 177).

**Reality #2** - Noah had fellowship with God. 6:9b

Noah “walked with God” - moment by moment, step-by-step, Noah carefully maintained a close walk with God. We know that his walk with God resulted in a life of righteousness (6:9a); it resulted in the proclamation of righteousness (II Peter 2:5); and it resulted in a faith that believed God in a God rejecting world (Hebrews 11:7).

**Reality #3** - Noah was fruitful because of God. 6:10

Noah produced three sons - Shem, Ham, Japheth. While the rest of the world was producing a godless offspring that would be destroyed (6:4-7), Noah produced a godly offspring that would be spared. There are four reasons for this lineage piece of information:

- 1) It gives historical data regarding human lineage.
- 2) It gives historical data regarding Messianic lineage.
- 3) It demonstrates that Noah lived his life before God in a way that benefited his entire family.
- 4) It proves that it is possible for a family to be blessed by God in a world cursed by God.

**SUBJECT #2** - What the world was like. 6:11-12

In direct contrast to the character of Noah, Moses describes the character of the world. Notice the two words that keep showing up: “corrupt” (6:11-12); “violence” (6:11-13). These two words describe a world that had become a wasteful, corrupt place of ruin, filled with violence and oppression and injury. The world God once classified as “very good” (1:31), was now a total waste. Keep in mind that the world was filled with invention and accomplishment (4:19-22); it was in the midst of a population boom (6:1); it was filled with “good looking” people (6:2a); it was filled with successful people (6:4); it was filled with all forms of wickedness (6:5). To God it was a ruined, useless waste.

**SUBJECT #3** - What “God revealed to Noah. 6:13-21

The opening clause of verse 13 “then God said to Noah” is extremely important because it clearly shows that God reveals His truth only to those who are godly.

**Revelation #1** - What God would do to the world. 6:13 - Divine retribution is of God as is Grace.

The phrase “the end of all flesh” is a nice way of saying, “I am going to destroy and cut off all humanity.” It is significant that in Hebrew the word “destroy” is the same word that is translated “corrupt” in verses 11-12. This word play is teaching that as the people had destroyed their own way, a way apart from God, God was going to destroy them. What this teaches us is that Divine retribution is just as much a part of God’s activity as Divine grace.

**Revelation #2** - What God wanted Noah to do. 6:14-17

- (Reason #1) - The ark provided security for Noah and his family. (Genesis 6:18)
- (Reason #2) - The ark provided security for the animals. (Genesis 6:19)
- (Reason #3) - The ark provides an illustration of faithfulness to God’s Word. (Hebrews 11:7)
- (Reason #4) - The ark provides an illustration of the World’s mockery of judgement.  
(II Peter 3:3-6)
- (Reason #5) - The ark provides an illustration of N.T. salvation by Spirit baptism.  
(I Peter 3:18-21)

The Word “ark” in Hebrew is one that means chest or coffer - its design perhaps looked like a big treasure chest or coffin. Gopher wood comes from pitch trees or resinous trees. Verse 15 gives the dimensions of the ark which was somewhere near 450 feet long by 75 feet wide and 45 feet tall. This ark was not meant for sailing but for floating. Verse 16 says there is to be a window on top of the ark, a door on the side of the ark and three stories in the ark. The window at the top meant that light and oxygen could be supplied and that when Noah and his family wanted to look at the world, they must first look up toward God.

**Revelation #3** - What God would do to the world . 6:17

God reveals exactly what He was going to do destroy the world by a flood. As the Psalmist said, God would 'sit as King at the flood' (Psalm 29:10). He would sovereignly reign as King over the flood.

**Revelation #4** - What God would do for Noah . 6:18

A covenant is a legal binding promise God makes which obligates Him to fulfill the promise. **The first covenant of the Bible is one of salvation .**

**Revelation #5** - What God wanted Noah to do. 6:19-21

God wanted Noah to get at least one male and female of every type of living thing, including birds and animals. Notice that God directed the animals so they would come to Noah. This particular injunction would be expanded in the case of certain animals for sacrificial purposes (Genesis 7:2). Noah was still a sinner and he needed a blood sacrifice to be right with God, until God's Son would come through Noah's line. Noah produced Shem (10:1); and Shem would produce Abram (11:10-26); and through Abram would come Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:1, 16).

**SUBJECT #4** - What Noah did. 6:22

Noah obeyed God completely. This quality stands out in the life of Noah and is stressed over and over again (6:22; 7:5, 9, 16; 8:15-19). Noah was one man interested in carefully understanding and obeying God's Word.

While the rest of the world was doing what they wanted, Noah was doing what God wanted. Our world is much like Noah's world - large, impressive, immoral, godless, violent. Those like Noah will be holy and faithful and will obey God.