

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 2

THE FLOOD.

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 9:1-12, 1:1-24. GOLDEN TEXT—"The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom. 6:23 R. V.

The first great fact recorded in the book of Genesis is that of Creation, which may be divided into several lesser facts. The second great fact is that of the Fall, which began with the temptation and ended with the exclusion from Paradise. In this lesson we come to the third great fact, the Flood, the account of which embraces the fifth to the ninth chapters. Chapter five gives us Noah's genealogy; six, the history of the building of the ark; seven, the occupancy of the ark; eight, Noah's departure from the ark, and nine, God's covenant with Noah.

In this lesson sin flourishes like the proverbial green bay tree. "Every imagination of the thoughts of man's heart was only evil continually." v. 5. These thoughts were crystallized into the lives of men, for we read that "the earth was filled with violence." Viewing this awful development of sin, God was so deeply grieved in his heart that he turned aside (repented) from his plan and purpose thus far to a determination to destroy man (v. 7). Noah, however, found grace in God's sight, as we see from v. 9, even in the midst of these adverse circumstances. Environment is powerful but not all-powerful, and it is never a match for God's grace. We must not gather from this verse that Noah was faultless, but rather than he sought to conform his life to God's will and not to the standards of those among whom he dwelt. Noah gave himself to a whole-hearted service to God. We are told that the foundation of Noah's acceptance before God was his faith. Heb. 11:7. Like his great grandfather Enoch, he had "walked with God" (5:22). Noah stood absolutely alone and was thus thrown upon companionship with God, compare v. 9 with I John 1:3.

Given Due Warning.

God could no longer endure the sins of men, their iniquity was full, therefore God determined to destroy them. He did not, however, cut them off, for we read that they had 120 years' announcement of the coming of the flood (v. 13), time enough in which to repent. They also had a faithful preacher to warn them during this time, 2 Peter 2:5. But their apostasy was complete and they would have none of God's mercy nor heed his warning, Prov. 29:1. Noah's obedience as he built the ark was a daily reminder of the impending flood.

The ark was a flat-bottomed chest 450 feet long, 75 feet broad and 45 feet deep, built of cypress (gopher wood) and coated with pitch. Under the eaves of the roof was an open space for ventilation and its three decks were divided into compartments.

As to the "eight souls" (I Peter 3:20) who entered the ark we need to remember that usually children and servants are understood without mention in such enumerations. We are not to infer that of all created animals two of each entered the ark. The flood certainly was not universal and hence such a miracle was uncalled for.

Race Swept Away.

At last the flood arrived at the exact moment prophesied. Its cause seems to be twofold, a subsidence of the ground and a downpour of rain. The Euphrates valley where this event took place fills all the necessary conditions. Subsidence would allow an inundation from the sea. Such an inundation took place in 1911 in the Yangtze valley and another in 1901 rendered more than ten million people homeless; the water rising from 50 to 90 feet. All that the account demands, however, is that a corrupt race was swept away and that God saved his righteous servant and his household. It is the privilege of every believer in God to save his household. See Acts 16:31, 2:9; I Cor. 7:14. The only way God could insure the purity of the race was to destroy irredeemably the impure.

Skeptics have read into the story of the flood much extraneous matter. Some have sought to prove that because nearly every race under the sun has a flood tradition therefore the writer of Genesis is merely passing on a "Babylonian tradition." It is far more reasonable to believe that these traditions are corrupted forms of the true account found in the Bible. For the younger pupils get the story of the flood as told by Dean Hodges and tell a connected story of what has already happened in the past lessons and tell them that the story will be continued next week. Some good live questions for class discussions would be: What does it mean to walk with God? Of the four—ignorance, indifference, consent or condemnation of sin—which one must God take? What is the difference between wages and a free gift? Did Noah earn his salvation? Is faith more than an attitude of mind? Do we need more hatred of sin today?

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