

The Stories that Shape Us: The Flood That Shapes Us

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All Bible passages are quoted from the New International Version of the Bible unless otherwise noted.

Genesis 6:9b,12-14a,22 | ⁹ Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. ... ¹² God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ So make yourself an ark ... ²² Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

Genesis 7:12-14a | ¹² And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. ¹³ On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark. ¹⁴ They had with them every wild animal ...

Genesis 9:8-11 | ⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹ “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰ and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

MORAL OF THE STORY: God delivers the faithful from His judgment.

1. Recognize I am subject to God’s JUDGEMENT. (Gen. 6:12-13)

2. Receive God’s GRACE. (Gen. 9:11)

Matthew 24:37 | As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

3. Remain FAITHFUL when you face ADVERSITY.

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.

CONSIDER THIS: Have I accepted the Grace freely offered by God?

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Further Study & Discussion Questions

Getting to Know You:

1. When you were a kid, what was your favorite Bible story and why?
2. What's the biggest storm or natural disaster you've ever experienced or heard about? How did it impact you or others?

Quick Review:

1. What made Noah stand out from the rest of the people in his time (**Genesis 6:9**)?

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2. What were some of God's instructions to Noah? How did Noah respond?
3. What was God's covenant with Noah after the flood? What did it mean?
4. How is Jesus connected to the story of Noah according to the sermon?

Digging Deeper:

1. Read **Matthew 24:37**.

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How do the days of Noah parallel today?

How should we live in response?

2. Read **2 Peter 3:9–10**.

2 Peter 3:9–10 | ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

How does this passage reflect God's character as shown in the story of Noah?

What does this teach us about God's patience and desire for repentance?

Putting It Into Practice:

Are there areas in your life right now where God may be calling you to faithful obedience, even if it doesn't make sense?

How can you recognize or respond to God's grace in your life this week?