

Noah's Story – Part 1

Genesis 6:9-22

Introduction:

Walking with God (6:9-10)

Concept: Walking with God describes a person who surrenders to the Word of God, walks in the works and ways of God and lets the Word of God decide for them. They let the Word of God be their guide and face the backlash.

Walking our own way (6:11-13) Matthew 24:38-39

Concept: Is it possible that you are the only witness that another person will ever hear or observe? Noah was, but that should not be the case today. (Romans 10:14-17)

Redemption in the midst of coming destruction (6:14-22) - There are three pieces to this redemption; first, God created the plan, (6:14); second, God established a covenant (6:18); third, Noah obeyed God (6:22).

The Plan - Genesis 6:14-17

The Covenant - Genesis 6:18a - The Hebrew word is berith and is the common Old Testament word translated "covenant".

Covenants: The two primary lenses that theologians look through as they assess and understand the Bible is the 'covenant lens' and the 'dispensational lens'.

A word that is similar to covenants is "testament" and the Old Testament presents the works related covenants and the New Testament presents the grace related Covenant that came by Christ Jesus.

The Obedience - Genesis 6:18b-22

Conclusion: Every adult and young person is a role model to point others in the right direction, this is essential for believers. (1 Corinthians 11:1; Philipians 3:17; 2 Thessalonians 3:7,9; Hebrews 13:7; 3 John 11).

There is a similarity between the instructions to build the ark (Genesis 6:13-22) and to build the Tabernacle (Exodus 25-39); and Noah and Moses obeyed God 'with all their hearts' (Deuteronomy 30:2-3). This is trusting God and having faith in God's promises.

The flood of Noah's day was judgment but final judgment is delayed as the flood of God's love pours itself out on this world; and we are the drops in that flood, the love of God to those in our families, our neighborhoods and our workplaces. God's love comes to them through us.