

Genesis 6:8-7:16 Devotions

☐ Monday - Grace Through Faith.

Genesis 6:8-9

How did it come about that Noah should be saved and the rest of the world perish? Our text explains, “Noah found favor (Heb. *chen*, literally “grace”) in the eyes of the Lord” (Gen. 6:8). The writer of Hebrews adds, Noah was “an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith” (Heb. 11:7). “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast” (Eph. 2:8-9).

Read Ephesians 1:3-8

☐ Tuesday - Stand-Alone Faith.

Genesis 6:8-9

“These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God” (Gen. 6:8-9). Noah was one righteous man marooned in a world of iniquity. He was the predecessor of men like Job, Abraham, Elijah, and Daniel, who walked by faith when faith was uncommon. He stood alone. He withstood the tide of public opinion. He was not dissuaded by the unbelief or ridicule of others. Today, as much as at any other time in human history, the church needs the stand-alone faith of Noah. The Christian stands alone for Christ, through Christ alone. *Apart* from Christ I can do nothing (John 15:5); but “I can do all things *through* Him who strengthens me” (Phil. 4:13).

Read Ephesians 6:13

☐ Wednesday - Family Blessing.

Genesis 7:1

“Then the Lord said to Noah, ‘Enter the ark, you and all your household; for you alone I have seen to be righteous before Me in this time’” (Gen. 7:1). What we do in obedience to God, benefits both ourselves and our families. The piety of parents begets good things upon their children. “In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and his children will have refuge” (Prov. 14:26).

Read Acts 2:39

☐ Thursday - Sooner or Later?

Genesis 7:6-10

After all the decades that Noah and his family prepared the ark, God granted seven more days for onlookers to repent (Gen. 7:4, 10), but their hearts were already hardened. Those who have cared little for the eternal welfare of their soul during the prime of their life are often just as careless as death approaches. Let us then “seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near” (Isaiah. 55:6).

Read Hebrews 4:7

☐ Friday - Door of Mercy

Genesis 7:16

In the days leading up to the flood, God “endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction” (Rom. 9:22), giving mankind ample time to repent (Rev. 2:21). But at long last Noah and his family entered the ark “and the Lord closed it behind him” (Gen. 7:16). The door of mercy was shut and God’s judgment fell. In the same way, Christ is our ark, to shield us from the judgment that is coming upon the whole world. So then, while the day of His patience continues, let us hear and obey His voice to “enter in”. Read Revelation 22:17