

The Flood that Saved the World

Sunday, February 9, 2020 --- Genesis 6:9 – 10:32

Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord... he was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. And Noah had three sons; Shem, Ham and Japheth. – Genesis 6:8 – 9

Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. - Luke 17:26

If you don't believe in a God who is powerfully involved in history, then the only explanation of events you will look for are past causes, not future purposes. But as soon as you reckon with the God of the Bible, tomorrow will always be part of today's explanation. – John Piper

1. Noah: the Son of Adam who walked with God (Gen. 3:8; 5:24; 6:9, 22; 7:5)

2. Noah: the Father of Moses who was saved by God (Gen. 7:1, 16 – 24; Exod. 2:3 – 5)

3. Noah: the Preacher of righteousness who was used by God (Gen. 6:18f; 7:21f; 9:1f; 2 Pet. 2:5)

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- i. What comes to mind when you think about the story of Noah and the flood? Where did you first hear it and what did it mean to you?
- ii. When you think about what happened during the flood how does it shape your view of God? Of society? Of the role Christians have today? Of the future of the world?
- iii. In thinking about the words of Jesus in Luke 17:26, what resemblance is there between our age and the days of Noah? What affect does this have on you?
- iv. As a Christian how do you identify with Noah? Do you feel backward / odd? Do people see you as living on the 'wrong side of history'? Is anyone listening to your message?
- v. If you have time, read 2 Peter 2:4 – 9 as well as Ch. 3:1 – 13. What do you find encouraging about these inspired words of the Apostle Peter? What does God promise?