Think about it:

It was Noah’s faith in God that brought God’s grace in his life.

The World-Wide Flood

Memory Verse- Genesis 7:19
“And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.”

The time has come. The sin filled world must be destroyed. It is time for God’s judgment. Noah found grace in God’s eyes and would be provided protection through the judgment in the ark. Why did Noah find grace in God’s eyes? He walked with God and had faith in His Word. It was Noah’s faith in God that was counted as righteousness.

Twice we find in scripture about Noah in Genesis 6:22 and 7:5, “And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.” Hebrews 11:7 tells us, “By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.”

Noah simply believed and obeyed God. He built the ark for 100 years. Now the flood is coming. Noah, his sons, his wife, and his son’s wives will enter the ark. All the animals that God directed enter into the ark. God waits seven more days in Genesis 7:10 in mercy to see if anyone else will repent. Then comes the flood.

THE BIBLE WAY TO HEAVEN

Realize That God Loves You.
“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16).

The Bible Says That All Men Are Sinners.
“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory to God.” (Romans 3:23).

God’s Word Also Says That Sin Must Be Paid For.
“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

The Good News Is That Christ Paid for Our Sins.
“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8).

We Must Personally Pray and Receive Christ by Faith as Our Personal Saviour.
The Bible Says, “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13).
“The Foundation of it all” A Study in Genesis 1-11

Lesson 20

Water Prevails on the Earth

Read Genesis 7:11-20. God gives us the exact date that the flood begins. In the 17th day of the second month of the 600th year of Noah, the flood begins. God’s judgment has a specific time.

The source of the water is given in 7:11. First the fountains of the deep were broken up. Water deep inside the earth was forced up through the earth’s crust. This would have moved rocks upward and split the surface of the earth. Next we see that the windows of heaven are opened. It begins to rain on the earth.

The combination of the two sources for forty days caused the ground to become covered with water. From this point the waters increased tremendously causing land slides and mud slides with houses and cities being destroyed. Animals and plant life were buried under water and sediment. Humans would have moved to higher ground and begun hanging onto floating debris. This is a big reason we do not find many human and animal fossils buried together.

Was this a local or a world-wide flood? Read Genesis 7:19 and 8:9. The magnitude of this flood covered the highest hills and mountains under the whole heaven. It measured roughly 22.5 feet above the highest mountain. Scripture clearly implies a world-wide flood.

Life Destroyed from the Earth

Read Genesis 7:21-24. The water searched the highest hills and mountains for life. No one could escape judgment except for those found in God’s grace inside the ark. God waited for 100 years for people to repent. He waited another seven days after Noah and his family entered the ark. Then God’s mercy ran out and the judgment came.

All flesh died in the judgment. The Bible says all foul, cattle, beasts, every creeping thing, and every man. This was a universal flood that brought a universal judgment. The language of scripture is clear is verses 19 and 23. It covered all the hills under the whole heaven and every living substance was destroyed. God promised to never flood the earth like this again. If this was a local flood then God would be a liar because we have local flooding today.

Life Preserved for the Earth

Read Genesis 8:1-19. Noah and those on the ark only remain alive. God remembered Noah after 150 days of water rising on the earth. God remembers his own in the storms of life. It took another 150 days for the waters to go down. The ark finds a safe resting place on the mountains of Ararat. Noah waits patiently sending out a dove until he finds dry ground before opening the door and exiting the ark. Finally he sends out the dove which did not return signaling for dry land.

God provided a renewed earth for Noah, his family, and the animals. The flood waters would have no doubt drastically altered the earth. God’s judgment was now over and a renewed earth awaited. One year and ten days later Noah and those on the ark with him would step off. God commanded each to be fruitful and multiply to repopulate the earth.

The flood was universal in scope. It covered the entire earth and reached every living creature. We learn that God has a specific time for judgment, that He provides grace in His judgment to those who will believe, and God’s judgment covers all mankind.