

Lesson Notes:

The Ark and the Covenant

The story of Noah and the ark is a great testament to Noah's love for God and as a result a covenant was made between God and Noah. Following are ways in which Noah demonstrated his love and the resulting promise the God made to Noah.

Scriptural Principles

Noah was different from the Men of this World in the following ways:

- 1) Every intent in Man's heart was continually evil with the exception of Noah.**
– **Genesis 6:5-6** – Noah was a man of character.
- a) Paul tells us in Romans 3:10-18 what men are like in their hearts.** - While Paul was talking about humanity in general without the love of Christ in their hearts this applied to the men of Noah's time.
- 2) In contrast to the Men of the World, Noah was a just man and walked each day with God.** – **Genesis 6:9** – how many of us strive to be just in our daily walk? Do we walk with the Lord each day?
- 3) Noah was a Man of Vision– Hebrews 11:7** - Noah knew what lied ahead and with God's instruction he built the ark which God used to save Noah and his family. – How many of us see what lies ahead for us and our loved ones. Are we preparing an ark for them? Are we preparing a way to salvation for them?
- 4) Noah's Speech was different from the speech used by the men of the world.** – 2 Peter 2:4-5 – Peter tells us that Noah preached righteousness. Do we strive to speak and to walk in righteousness each day?
- 5) Noah became an heir of righteousness by his faith – Hebrews 11:7** - Hebrews 11:5-6 tells us that Enoch was raised to heaven because of his testimony and by faith we please God, and God is a rewarder of those that diligently seek him. We too can receive God's righteousness by our faith in Jesus Christ.
- 6) In Genesis 6:14-16** God gives Noah the dimensions of the Ark. And he tells him to put a door on the side. In **Genesis 7:16** after Noah, his family and the animals enter God shut the door. Salvation was within the Ark and Damnation outside of the Ark. So too at the end of the age God will shut the door on his offer of salvation.
- 7) Noah was saved by God's Grace.** –**Ephesians 2:8** - **By his grace we are also saved. Acts16:31**
- 8) God's Covenant with Noah, Man & the Creatures of the Earth – Genesis 9:8**

