

## =EVENTS FROM GENESIS=

### Lesson 5

#### Noah

AIM: to teach my pupils the life and character of the man, Noah.

POINT OF CONTACT: Explain to the pupils that the book of Genesis is a book of firsts. Ask them who the first murderer was in the Bible. Ask them the name of the first child who was born, of the first city, the first man who did not die, the first man who did die, and the first sin committed in the Bible. Ask them who the man was that survived the first rain. Of course, the answer to this last question is Noah, about whom we are studying in this lesson.

#### I. NOAH'S HERITAGE.

1. Noah's great-grandfather walked with God. Enoch, about whom we studied last week, was the great-grandfather of Noah. It is said of Enoch that he walked with God. It is also said of Noah that he walked with God. The Bible teaches that we will affect the third and fourth generations.
2. Noah's grandfather was a man for whom God held up the flood and a man to whom God saw fit to give the longest life in history. Hence, Noah had a godly grandfather. Perhaps no one will ever realize completely the influence of a godly grandmother or a godly grandfather. Paul, in writing to Timothy, made mention of the tremendous influence that his grandmother had upon the life of Timothy.
3. Noah had a godly father. His father's name was Lamech. There are several reasons why we are led to believe that Lamech was a godly man:
  - 1) The name "Noah" means "comfort" or "rest."
  - 2) He made mention at the birth of Noah in Genesis 5:29, that he attributed his toil and the condition of the ground to the Lord's curse. This teaches us that he believed the Word of God. He accepted the Genesis account of creation. Bear in mind, this was over a thousand years after this account. God told him what had happened, and he believed God.
  - 3) He certainly believed in God, for in the preceding verse he makes mention of Him. No doubt he was a man who honored the Lord. This is also evident in the fact that he had such a godly grandfather, a godly father and a godly son.

#### II. NOAH'S CONVERSION.

1. Genesis 6:8 says, "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD." He was saved by grace. Hebrews 11:7 mentions that Noah moved by faith. Ephesians 2:8 and 9 are certainly borne out in Noah's life. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."
2. The reason for Noah's conversion is interesting. Hebrews 11:7 says Noah was "moved with fear." It is interesting how different people are motivated to come to Jesus Christ. You will recall that Enoch walked with God, being moved by the birth of his son, Methuselah. Noah walked with God also, but whereas Enoch was moved by compassion for his son, Noah was moved with fear. Occasionally some preacher will say we shouldn't scare people into being saved. It is obvious that preacher knows little about the Word of God. As Charles Haddon Spurgeon said, "He who does not believe that God will punish sin will not believe that He will pardon it through the atoning blood. He who does not believe that God will cast unbelievers into Hell will not be sure that He will take believers to Heaven. If we doubt God's Word about one thing, we shall have small confidence in it on another thing. Since faith in God must treat all God's Word alike, the faith which accepts one Word of God and rejects another is evidently not faith in God but faith in our own judgment, faith in our own taste."

#### III. NOAH'S CHARACTER.

1. Genesis 6:9 says that "...Noah was a just man..." This means that Noah was a justified man, which means, of course, that he had put his faith in Christ. "Now the just shall live by faith," says the Scripture, and that is the reason Noah is listed among the believers in the great chapter of faith, Hebrews 11.

2. There is an implication in the word “just” that will lead us to believe that Noah was a fair man. He was a man of justice, righteousness, honesty, character, and integrity.
3. Noah was a man “perfect in his generations.” Genesis 6:9b. The word “perfect” here is an interesting word. It is the word “tamin” in the Hebrew, which is translated many times in the Old Testament as “without blemish.” It means “uncontaminated.” Its root word is the word from which our English word “contaminated springs” comes. Hence, we can say Noah was like an uncontaminated spring in his generation.

It is also interesting to note his generation. It was so wicked that God destroyed it. It was one of the most wicked generations of all time. In spite of that, Noah remained uncontaminated. In other words, his was a separated life from the sins of the world.

4. Noah “walked with God.” Genesis 6:9c. This sums up the aforementioned. If a person is to remain uncontaminated from the world, if a person is to be just and fair, if a person is to be honest and have integrity, he must walk with God.

#### IV. NOAH’S WORK.

1. He was a preacher. We find this in II Peter 2:5.
2. He was a condemnation to this age. Notice Hebrews 11:7. This is very interesting. By the building of the ark itself, Noah condemned the world. He was a silent condemnation. His righteous, dedicated, separated life condemned the world for its sin. Every Christian should be a silent, walking sermon. Every church building should preach a sermon to passers-by. Our very presence should be a condemnation of sin.
3. Noah saved his own house. Read again Hebrews 11:7. This should be the burden of every Christian, that every person in his house come to the Lord Jesus Christ. Parents should be sure that children are saved as soon as possible. We should pray and work to the salvation of our unsaved loved ones.