

GOD'S CALLING

Lesson Five

God Called Noah (Part 2; Gen. 7:1, 3-5, 7-10, 12-13, 17-23; 8:1-3, 13-16, 18, 20; 9:11-13; see Life-study of Gen. 27-32)

Burden to Impart:

In this lesson we see how Noah and his family were saved from the terrible judgment of God that came upon the earth, as He had warned. We also see God's righteousness (judging the wicked people with the flood), God's mercy, love and care (saving Noah's family), and God's faithfulness (setting the rainbow as a promise to never flood the earth again).

Memory Verse: And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household.

Acts 16:31

Facts to Teach:

1. Noah and his family labored for 120 years (Gen. 6:3) to build the ark for their salvation. During this time Noah preached to all those around him, telling them of their sinfulness, warning them of God's judgment which would one day come (2 Peter 2:5). None listened to him or believed him.
2. Once the ark was completed, God gave a warning to Noah that in seven days the rain would begin, so he should take seven of every clean animal and two of all the unclean animals into the ark.
3. Noah again obeyed God. After bringing all the animals into the ark, Noah, his wife, his sons and his son's wives all got into the ark also.
4. Just as God had said, on the seventh day the windows of heaven were opened and the waters poured down. It rained for forty days and forty nights; also the waters were released from under the earth.
5. The water rose and covered all the earth, even the mountains and all the living creatures and wicked people died. Only Noah was left and those who were with him in the ark.
6. Finally, after about one year in the ark, the waters had all decreased and Noah, his family and all the animals with them went forth from the ark onto the dry ground.
7. So, because of Noah's obedience to God's calling he and all his family were saved from God's judgment. Also, instead of completely destroying mankind from off of the earth, God was able to have a new beginning with man.
8. The first thing Noah did was to build an altar and offer an offering to God in thanksgiving for his salvation.
9. God promised Noah and his family that He would never again flood the earth in such a way. God declared the rainbow to be a sign of his promise to Noah.