

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

Genesis 6

Genesis five opened a new division in the Book of Genesis, second section, with the telling of the History of Adam and the birth of Seth to replace Abel, whom Cain had murdered. Through the line of Seth came Methuselah, the oldest man who ever lived. Methuselah died at nine hundred and sixty-nine years old. But as old as he was, he still died, like all of Adam's seed, with only a couple of exceptions in all of history thus far, Enoch and Elijah.

Chapter six opens with an unusual story of the breakdown of all society and culture into the sewer of human existence and inexplicable sin to the lowest debauchery any man's heart could imagine. God said, "the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of his thoughts was only evil continually" (Genesis 6:5). But one man found grace and favor in the eyes of God, his name was Noah. God told Noah to build a large boat, called an ark in our English Bibles. It had never rained on the earth, so when God told Noah to build a boat, Noah simply trusted what God said, more than what he had ever known and experienced in his own existence or anyone else's. "By faith, Noah being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with Godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and

became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith." (Hebrews 11:7) It had never rained on the earth. "...before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth...but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground." (Genesis 2:5-6).

Prayer and Action Steps:

The faith of Noah to act on something that had never happened before in all the earth's history is more than amazing. Noah's act of faith not only saved himself and his family, but the entire human race to follow, including all of us living today. Thank God for Noah and his family, especially his oldest son Shem. Thank God that Noah trusted God despite what he had known or experienced. Thank God Noah kept himself pure although everyone around him was living in open sin. Thank God for those who are witnesses to us that God is faithful to His promises and will do what He says He will do. Ask God for the grace to believe Him and His promises found in the Bible. Ask God for the grace to live in obedience to His truth when those around us, maybe in our own families, are not. God is faithful. "He is the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6b).

Date _____ Scripture _____

- Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.
- Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.
- Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____
