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Introduction

The generations of people from Adam were wiped out in Genesis chapter 6.

“Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the Lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them" (Genesis 6:5-7)

1. Noah's life impressed God.

“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord” (Genesis 6:8)

How did Noah's life impress God?

How did he 'stand out', and was 'noticed'?

“This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God” (Genesis 6:9)

He walked with God. There is a closeness with God.

"But I will establish My covenant with you" (Genesis 6:18)

God promised to make a covenant with Noah.

There is a blessing of salvation in that covenant.

"But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark-you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you" (Genesis 6:18)

Salvation is the greatest blessing, of all blessings.

What is all the money in the world, if you lose your own soul?

2. His life impressed society.

Just the 10th generation for Adam - sin was unbearable.

“The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth” (Genesis 6:11)

“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord” (Genesis 6:8)

The scripture says, in **1Thessalonians 5:22** “*Abstain from all appearance of evil.*”

Peter teaches us how we can exert our influence on others around us instead of the other way around.

“Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil" (1 Peter 3:8-12)

3. His life brought salvation to his family.

“And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood” (Genesis 7:6-7)

Noah’s children could have refused to enter the ark. There was no mention that Noah’s children followed the father’s piety.

By the exercise of good Christian virtue we can influence our relatives and directly be the channel whereby salvation will come to our family.

“Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price” (1Peter 3:1-4)

Conclusion

But we can never discount the fact that Noah’s life, his faith, his walk, is a. But above all else, his **obedience** brought blessings to his family.

“And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him” (Genesis7:5)