

God's Calling in the Old Testament

Lesson 4

GOD CALLED NOAH (1)(Gen. 6: 5-14a, 17-18, 22; see Life-study of Gen. 27-32)

Burden to Import:

In this lesson we see how God called Noah out from the wicked and corrupt generation around him. We also see how Noah obeyed God's calling and built an ark for the saving of his family.

Memory Verse:

“By faith Noah, having been divinely instructed concerning things not yet seen and being moved by pious, prepared an ark for the salvation of his house.”
(Hebrews 11:17)

Facts to Teach:

1. As the years passed on, man went farther and farther away from God. Accordingly, man became more and more sinful (Gen. 6:5-7, 11-13). Man's heart, thoughts, and imaginations were evil continually. Man was corrupt and the earth was filled with violence.
2. God's spirit was striving with men's hearts (Gen. 6:3) and was trying to cause them to forsake their wickedness and return to Him. While everyone hardened their hearts and rejected God's calling, God was looking over the earth to see if anyone would respond to the spirit's working and answer His calling (Gen. 6:8).
3. Only Noah responded to God's calling. He drew near to God and found grace instead of hardening his heart. Noah was righteous and did what was right instead of living in wickedness, corruption, and violence. Also, Noah walked with God and lived each day in His presence. Because Noah was such a man, loving God and walking with God, God opened His heart to him and told him two very important matters which no one else knew:
 - a. He would no longer tolerate man's wickedness, but He would judge the earth with a great flood and destroy everyone and everything (Gen. 6:13, 17).
 - b. He showed Noah a way of salvation for he and his family to escape the flood by building a large ark (Gen. 6: 14).
4. Noah was obedient to God's calling and did everything God had commanded him. (Gen. 6:22)