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**Of Floodwaters and Rainbows, or
The Power of a Righteous Life**
Genesis 6-9
Series: Genesis – The Story of Us All

The Story of Us All

- ❖ The Bible in general, and Genesis in particular, presents a unique and universal worldview.
- ❖ The worldview presented in the scriptures is dependent on revelation rather than discovery.
- ❖ The Bible in its entirety, including Genesis, is about God's redemption of mankind and the renewal of all things in Christ.

Luke 24:27 (ESV) — 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.
(See also, John 5:39-40; Acts 8:26-35)

Central Passage

Genesis 6:5–8 (ESV) — 5 The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. 7 So the LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” 8 **But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.**

Central Thought: There is no greater power on earth than that of a man or woman whose heart is fully devoted to God through faith in and obedience to Jesus Christ.

The Example of Noah

- ❖ Noah walked with God – he lived his life with a moment by moment awareness of God's presence and purpose.

Genesis 6:9 (ESV) — 9 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. **Noah walked with God.**

- ❖ Noah obeyed God in the details of life.

Genesis 6:22 (ESV) — 22 Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Genesis 7:5 (ESV) — 5 And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

- ❖ Noah worshiped God sacrificially, recognizing God's blessings and bounty.

Genesis 8:20–21 (ESV) — 20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done.

- ❖ Noah was faithful, but not perfect, and neither are we.

Genesis 9:20–21 (ESV) — 20 Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. 21 He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent.

- ❖ Jesus is the new and better Noah, who perfectly fulfilled the will of his Father becoming the Ark of salvation for all eternity.

Matthew 5:17 (ESV) — 17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

John 19:30 (ESV) — 30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.