

Elpis Israel

for Young People

The Flood

Class 18

Introductions:

Pin up sheets – who is joining us.

Review

Last Class

- Antedeluvian Apostacy
- Development of two groups of people
 - The Seed of The Serpent – overtook the earth
 - Made a name for themselves – named their cities after themselves
 - Great Men
 - Men of Renown – Fame
 - Wise men of the world
 - The Seed of the Woman
 - Called themselves by the name of the LORD
 - Developed the character of God in themselves and their children

The Danger of Mixing the Seeds

The State of affairs by the time of the flood:

- Intermarriage had become the “norm of the day”
 - Genesis 6:1-2** *And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.*
 - The population exploded
 - Two groups identified:

Sons of God

These were those who were “called by the name of the LORD”

- They SAW – what is this?
 - 1 John 2:16** *For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*
 - This was their undoing – the EYES....
- You are all SONS of GOD (and Daughters of God) – God has infected you with his word
 - Romans 15:4** *For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*
 - What do we learn out of this – young men?
 - “Beware little eyes what you see”

Young men

- You are attracted by the things you see
 - The brand new mountain bike – with shocks and antilock breaks
 - Fast, new, shiny car
 - The girls you see with your eyes

Can you think of a man who was a “son of God” – who “saw” a woman and it led to his downfall

Judges 14:1-2 *And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the **daughters of the Philistines** [DAUGHTERS OF MEN]. And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the **daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife.***

- This was a disaster for Samson
- Things did not go well

- God’s comment on this:

Proverbs 6:20-28 *My son, keep thy father’s commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and **reproofs of instruction are the way of life: To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman. Lust not after her beauty** in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids. For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life. **Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?***

- This should have been Samson’s guide – but he didn’t learn his lesson the first time:

Judges 16:1 *Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her.*

- Jesus comment on what a SON OF GOD should do:

Matthew 18:9 *And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.*

- World today is like the pre flood (antideluvian) age on steroids
 - If the Problem was SEEING things – the LUST OF THE EYES
 - We have billions of ways to see things
 - TV
 - Movies
 - Computers (internet)
 - Ipods
 - Phones
 - Magazines/Books

- Do not be deceived young men – friendships with people in the world will result in disaster?
1 Cor 15:33 *Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.*
1 Cor 15:33 *Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." (NIV)*
- Just a problem for boys? – friendship in the world?
Genesis 34:1 *And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.*
 - She did what Sampson did – but she wasn't looking for a boyfriend
 - She wanted to "SEE" the daughters of the land
 - She ended up finding a boyfriend who loved her**Genesis 34:2** *And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her.*
 - This boy took Dinah and did with her what was common in his country
 - The same thing that is common with the people amongst whom we live
- In terms of the WORLD – he was a very NICE boy
Genesis 34:3-4 *And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel. And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife.*
 - He was a real romantic
 - Spake kindly (Heb. Spake to the heart)
 - Wanted her for his wife
- Ending of the story:
 - Dinah heartbroken
 - Shechem and the men of his city "Dead"
 - Jacob's family – made to "stink" amongst the inhabitants of the land

A game of statistics:

- Challenge:
 - Who in the bible was able to "bring somebody in" from the outside?
 - Who was able to "date outside" and survive?
 - Who was able to "marry outside" and survive?
 - Possible Suggestions:
 - Rahab - left her people and city – joined God's people
 - Ruth - already dedicated to God in Ruth 1:16
 - Who "dated/married" outside wasn't able to "convert" their spouse/friend:
 - Lot's family
 - Samson
 - Dinah
 - Solomon
- The Reality:
James 4:4 *Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*

Back to the Noah's day

An entire RACE – fell away

Genesis 6:2-4 *That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants [**Nephalim**] in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown [**FAME-name for themselves**].*

- Result of intermarriage:

Genesis 6:5-7 *And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that **every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually**. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.*

- The sons of God “resigned” from the “seed of the woman” by intermarriage and became “seed of the serpent”
- Remember the THINKING OF THE FLESH –

Jeremiah 17:9 *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*

- Why? Why would God destroy the race of humankind from off the face of the earth?

1 Cor 15:50 *Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God**; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.*

- God intended to establish a kingdom on the earth – flesh and blood cannot inherit it
- Unless we are going to rise above our nature – we cannot either

- How bad did it get?

Genesis 6:11-12 *The earth also was **corrupt** before God, and the earth was **filled with violence**. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had **corrupted his way** upon the earth.*

- Corrupt
- Filled with violence
- Corrupted HIS WAY

God Manifestation – Not Human Salvation

- The fate of man before the flood:

Genesis 6:13 *And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will **destroy** them with the earth.*

- Flesh and blood are corrupt and will be destroyed

Noah's and his Family:

The last of the "seed of the woman"

Genesis 6:8-10 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. These are the generations of Noah: **Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations**, and Noah walked with God. And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Perfect: Strongs# 8549 – Sound, upright, whole
Gesenius: Free of Blemish c/p Ex 12:5 "lamb without blemish"

What was Noah told?

Genesis 6:14-16 Make thee an ark of gopher **wood**; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; **and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof**; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

- Few things to note:
 - What was it made out of? - Wood – a tree
 - How many entrances? - ONE
 - There was ONE entrance to the Wood that would bring life.

Entry into the ark required making a COVENANT of God

Genesis 6:17-18 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

- No salvation outside of covenant relationship with God!

Without Faith...

- Noah's faith had to be an active one:

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
Heb 11:6-7 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. **By faith** Noah, **being warned** of God of things not seen as yet, **moved with fear, prepared** an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

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One Door: Jesus Christ – have 3 kids look up – read one after other

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 10:9 **I am the door**: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

How do I get into The ARK of Christ?

1 Peter 3:20-21 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. **The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

- The way to get into the ARK of Christ is through baptism:

Gal 3:26-27 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

The Ark:

Genesis 6:14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; **rooms** shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

- Rooms: Strong's #7064 – Nests.

John 14:2-3 **In my Father's house** are many **mansions**: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

- Mansions: Strong's #3438 – Abiding Places.

The Door will be shut:

Genesis 7:1 And the LORD said unto Noah, **Come thou and all thy house into the ark**; for **thee have I seen righteous** before me in this generation....

Genesis 7:16-18 And they that **went in**, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and **the LORD shut him in**. And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters **increased, and bare up the ark**, and it was **lift up above the earth**. And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

Genesis 7:23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and **Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.**

Matt 25:10-13 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and **the door was shut**. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, **Lord, Lord, open to us**. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

The privilege offered to us:

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is **none other name** under heaven given among men, **whereby we must be saved**.

- God will save the remnant – the seed of the serpent
- They will make up the ones who will be part of the kingdom
- The rest will be removed like the scaffolding that is removed when a building is complete.