1 **– In The Days of Noah**

Genesis 6:1-8

2 - **Lessons Learned In The Beginning**

* God’s word is POWERFUL
* God’s word is UNDERSTANDABLE
* God’s word is OPPOSED AND ATTACKED
* Man has a choice on HOW TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD.
* We must Accept RESPONSIBILITY TO GOD’S WORD
* DISOBEDIENCE of GOD’S WORD carries SEVERE CONSEQUENCES.
* God promised to SEND HIS WORD to SAVE US.

3 - **Summary of lessons from Cain and Abel**

* Learning to walk by faith.
* It matters how we worship the Lord.
* Take a stand for what God has said.
* The need to control what makes us angry.
* Take advantage of opportunities to make things right with God.
* Don’t under estimate the consequences of sin.

4 - **Many were wicked & few were righteous.**

1. **God saw man’s wickedness.** (Genesis 6:5; Heb. 4:13)
* Mankind is individually accountable to God. (Romans 5:13; 1 Jn. 3:4; Psalms 139:1-7; 69:5)
* Not just the conduct but **the heart**. (Genesis 6:5; Ps. 10:1-4; Hebrews 4:12)
* Wickedness will torment the righteous (2 Peter 2:7-8) and the love of many will grow cold (Matthew 24:12).
* So what should we do? (2 Corinthians 4:16; Revelation 2:5; Isaiah 40:27-31)

5 - **Many were wicked & few were righteous**

**How did it get this way?**

* Through the **influence of the carnal and worldly** over the spiritual and godly.
	+ The “***sons of God***” & the “***daughters of men***” representing the spiritual vs. the carnal. (6:2; Gal. 5:16-18)
* **How can the spiritual win the battle of influence over the fleshly and carnal**? (Matthew 5:13-16; Ephesians 6:10ff)
* How do we be “***in the world***” but not of the world?

6 - **Many were wicked & few were righteous.**

1. **Not all turned away from God.**
* *“****Noah found favor in the eyes of Jehovah****” (vs. 8; 2 Pet. 2:5).*
* Noah “***walked with God***” (Genesis 6:9) “***by faith***” (Heb. 11:7)
* God earnestly desires a relationship with us (2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4), but that is up to us. (Isaiah 5:1-4)
* Unfortunately, **most will choose to not walk with God**. (Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 13:23ff)

7 - **God Gave Warnings**

* **God (repeatedly, 120 years) warned of the unseen**. (Hebrews 11:7 (11:1); 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 5:7)
* **God’s warnings are for our good** (Deuteronomy 6:4), that we **should escape the sorrow that sin causes** now and in eternity (Hebrews 12:25; Galatians 6:7-8; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9; Revelation 21:8).
* God uses faithful men (“***preachers of righteousness***”) such as Noah to convey His warnings. (2 Peter 2:5; Ezekiel 33:1-9)

8 - **God Gave Warnings**

God’s warnings to us:

* **Whom to fear** (Satan & false teachers): (Luke 12:5; Matthew 16:6, 12)
* **What to fear** (greed/covetousness): (Luke 12:15)
* **When to fear** (when you stand): (1 Corinthians 10:12)
* **Why fear** (eternal punishment): (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9)

9 - **God Gave Patterns To Be Followed**

* God was specific with the dimensions, design and material of the ark. ***“This is how you shall make it…”*** (vs. 15)
* Moses was told re: the tabernacle, build it “*according to all that I am going to show you,* ***the pattern*** *of the tabernacle…* ***just so you shall construct it***.” (Exodus 25:9; Hebrews 8:5).
* We have been given a ***“standard (pattern) of sound words”*** which we are to follow just as explicitly. (2 Timothy 1:13)

10 - **God Was Patient/Long Suffering**

* **God gave man time to repent**. (1 Peter 3:20; Genesis 6:3)
* **God is giving us time to also repent**. (2 Peter 3:9-15;
Romans 2:4)
* Just as in the days of Noah, once again, **God’s patience will end**. (Luke 13:25; Exodus 34:6-7)

11 - **Souls Were Saved**

* God alone determines where salvation is found.
* 1 Peter 3:20, “…*few… were* ***brought safely through the water***…” Few today are brought safely through the water also.
* **Just one door**! (Genesis 6:16; 7:13-16; John 10:7-9)
* Matthew 22:14, “*For many are called,* ***but few are chosen***.” Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 13:23-24.
* Will we **continue to submit**? (Jeremiah 42:1-3)
* **Don’t be discouraged** and get to work. (1 Kings 19:9-10; 18)