



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

Lord, I admit that I need help in bringing discipline to my flesh and my emotions. Forgive me for being too easy on myself and help me to be fiercely committed to bringing my body and my flesh under the control of the Holy Spirit. I want to be Your instrument so Your power can flow freely through me. So please help me today to submit to Your Word and to the control of Your Spirit. From this day forward, I purpose to no longer give my flesh the freedom to have its way in my life, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

Scripture

Genesis 6

Genesis 6:1-22 (AMP)

1 WHEN MEN began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, 2 The sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair, and they took wives of all they desired and chose. 3 Then the Lord said, My Spirit shall not forever dwell and strive with man, for he also is flesh; but his days shall yet be 120 years. 4 There were giants on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God lived with the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. 5 The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination and intention of all human thinking was only evil continually. 6 And the Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved at heart. 7 So the Lord said, I will destroy, blot out, and wipe away mankind, whom I have created from the face of the ground—not only man, [but] the beasts and the creeping things and the birds of the air—for it grieves Me and makes Me regretful that I have made them. 8 But Noah found grace (favor) in the eyes of the Lord. 9 This is the history of the generations of Noah. Noah was a just and righteous man, blameless in his [evil] generation; Noah walked [in habitual fellowship] with God. 10 And Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 The earth was depraved and putrid in God's sight, and the land was filled with violence (desecration, infringement, outrage, assault, and lust for power). 12 And God looked upon the world and saw how degenerate, debased, and vicious it was, for all humanity had corrupted their way upon the earth and lost their true direction. 13 God said to Noah, I intend to make an end of all flesh, for through men the land is filled with violence; and behold, I will destroy them and the land. 14 Make yourself an ark of gopher or cypress wood; make in it rooms (stalls, pens, coops, nests, cages, and compartments) and cover it inside and out with pitch (bitumen). 15 And this is the way you are to make it: the length of the ark shall be 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits [that is, 450 ft. x 75 ft. x 45 ft.]. 16 You shall make a roof or window [a place for light] for the ark and finish it to a cubit [at least 18 inches] above—and the door of the ark you shall put in the side of it; and you shall make it with lower, second, and third stories. 17 For behold, I, even I, will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy and make putrid all flesh under the heavens in which are the breath and spirit of life; everything that is on the land shall die. 18 But I will establish My covenant (promise, pledge) with you, and you shall come into the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. 19 And of every living thing of all flesh [found on land], you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. 20 Of fowls and birds according to their kinds, of beasts according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind—two of every sort shall come in with you, that they may be kept alive. 21 Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and you shall collect and store it up, and it shall serve as food for you and for them. 22 Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

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Genesis 6:1–8. Pre-Flood Wickedness:... The "sons of God" (v. 2) are thought to have been either fallen angels, to which there may be reference in 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6 , or leaders in Sethite families who intermarried with godless descendants of Cain. These abnormal marriages, whatever they were, filled the earth with corruption and violence. Jesus regarded the Flood as a historical fact, and He likened the time of His coming again to the days of Noah (Matthew 24:37–39). What is going on in the world today makes us wonder if those days may be returning. The 120 years in Genesis 6:3 may refer to the time left before the Flood or a reduced life span after the longevity of those mentioned in chapter 5 .

The Account of Noah, Genesis 6:9 to 9:28;... This is the fourth document in the book of Genesis (see How Genesis Is Organized). It contains the story of the Flood, as told, and perhaps recorded, by Noah, and handed on by Shem to Abraham.

Genesis 6:9–18. Noah and the Ark;... The ark was about 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, 45 feet high. It had three decks, divided into compartments, with a row of windows around the top. It must have been very similar in size and proportion to ocean ships of today. With man being situated on the banks of a great river, boat building was one of his earliest accomplishments. Cuneiform tablets indicate that at the dawn of history the inhabitants of Babylonia engaged in transport by river. If this is true, then boat building and river traffic may have been familiar to Noah from childhood. According to the dimensions given in Genesis, the ark was for at least five millennia the largest ship ever built—until 1858, when the 669-foot-long Great Eastern was built.

Genesis 6:19–7:5. The Animals;... In 6:19–21 and 7:2 it is explained that seven pairs of clean animals, but only one pair of each of the others, were to be taken into the ark. Some have calculated that there was room in the ark for 7000 species of animals. It was a gigantic task to build the ark, gather the animals, and store the necessary food. Noah and his three sons could not have done it alone. Being the grandson of Methuselah and great grandson of Enoch, Noah may, as the Babylonian tradition says, have been a city-king and may have employed thousands of men in the work. It was undoubtedly the subject of constant ridicule, but Noah persisted in faith (2 Peter 2:5 ; Hebrews 11:7). Perhaps the ark is also a symbol of our salvation in Jesus. Noah, his family, and the animals all passed through the door of the ark (Genesis 7:13). The door is a common symbol of Christ (Matthew 7:7 ; 2 Corinthians 2:12). Genesis 7:16 states that "the Lord shut him in"—Noah and his family could not have saved themselves. We, like Noah, are saved by God's grace. We merely must pass through the door.

Other Flood Traditions

Traditions of a catastrophic flood are found in many ancient cultures:

- Egyptian tradition: The gods at one time purified the earth by a great flood, from which only a few shepherds escaped.
- Greek tradition: Deucalion warned that the gods were going to bring a flood upon the earth because of its great wickedness; he built an ark, which came to rest on Mount Parnassus. A dove was sent out twice.
- Hindu tradition: Manu, warned, built a ship in which he alone escaped from a deluge that destroyed all creatures.
- Chinese tradition: Fa-He, founder of Chinese civilization, is represented as having escaped from a flood—sent because man had rebelled against heaven—with his wife, three sons, and three daughters.
- English tradition: The Druids had a legend that the world had been re-peopled by a righteous patriarch who had been saved in a strong ship from a flood sent to destroy man for his wickedness.
- Polynesian tradition: Stories of a Flood from which eight escaped.
- Mexican tradition: One man and his wife and children were saved in a ship from a flood which overwhelmed the earth.
- Peruvian tradition: One man and one woman were saved in a box that floated on the flood waters.
- Native American tradition: Various legends, in which one, three, or eight persons were saved in a boat above the waters on a high mountain.
- Greenland tradition: The earth once tilted over, and all men were drowned, except one man and one woman, who re-peopled the earth. (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible History & Commentaries; pages 96-98)

The Story Of Noah; V3 God cut the life span from and average life span of 912 years to an average of 120 years. **V4** The "sons of God" may refer to fallen angels who married the "daughters of men" and produced giant offspring. **V5** "Repented" is our way of describing God's response to the evil in the world He had created, though He actually does not "repent" as we do. **V14** "Pitch" is tar. **V15** A cubit is 18 to 24 inches. The ark had the square footage of 1,000 boxcars. **VV19-21** Noah had room for the animals since he only had to take one pair from each species. God sent the animals to the ark, so Noah did not have to search them out. (Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; Chuck Smith; 2005; commentaries; page 11)

According to Genesis 6:12, the world around Noah was "degenerate, debased, and vicious." People had "corrupted their way upon the earth and lost their true direction." In the midst of corruption and evil around you today, how can you belike Noah and be righteous before God in your generation?

Genesis 6:5-8 reveals two things that displease God: wickedness, and evil imaginations and thinking. Because those things described the condition of people's hearts during Noah's day, God decided to destroy all mankind—everyone, that is, except Noah and his family. God spared Noah's life because Noah found grace and favor in His eyes.

I can only surmise that Noah must have had a right heart; otherwise, he would have been destroyed with all the other people who practiced wickedness, evil imaginations, and evil thinking.

One of the lessons we can learn from Noah's story is that many people today are being destroyed for the simple reason that their hearts are not right before God. In their hearts they regard wickedness, they allow impure imaginations, and they think bad thoughts.

We cannot imagine how many areas of our lives would be straightened out if we would just get our hearts right with God! Our hearts may not be filled with the blatant evil we read about in Noah's time, but bad attitudes and wrong thinking certainly qualify as evil imaginations and evil thinking. We need to have right attitudes toward everything we do, because our attitudes basically determine everything else about our situations. If our hearts are full of bad attitudes and our minds are full of "stinking thinking," we will not make much progress in life.

We need to have pure, tender hearts. We need to hear and heed the voice of conscience so that the moment we realize we have a bad attitude about something or someone, we can make the necessary adjustments. That is why Proverbs 4:23 instructs us: "Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life."

So often, we fail to guard our hearts as diligently as we should, and we allow too much junk and too many negative thoughts into our minds. We need to remember the familiar phrase "garbage in, garbage out," and realize that we cannot take in garbage and produce good things. We must be attentive not only to our actions, but also to our thoughts, imaginations, motives, and attitudes. God looks at these things because He is a God of hearts. Whatever you do, make sure you have a right heart before the Lord, and you will reap abundant life instead of destruction.

(Word 9 Bible Software: Bible Software, multiple translations, dictionary, atlas, sermons of the past saints, concordance, 2005)
(The Everyday Life Bible; Amplified, 2005, Joyce Meyers, Scripture, Commentaries, page 12-14)

Psalm 29:1-11 (AMP)

1 ASCRIBE TO the Lord, O sons of the mighty, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Give to the Lord the glory due to His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness or in holy array.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon many (great) waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; yes, the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

6 He makes them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion (Mount Hermon) like a young, wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits and flashes forth forked lightning.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the wilderness tremble; the Lord shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.

9 The voice of the Lord makes the hinds bring forth their young, and His voice strips bare the forests, while in His temple everyone is saying, Glory!

10 The Lord sat as King over the deluge; the Lord [still] sits as King [and] forever!

11 The Lord will give [unyielding and impenetrable] strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.