

The Light - Junior Series

Lesson 115

The Family is a Precious Gift from God

Part 2



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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never personally believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior; you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Just tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sins of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. (Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." (John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave is One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."



LESSON



We ended our last lesson with a cliff hanger, right, kids? The last thing we saw was that the Lord sent the great flood which wiped out the entire human race...almost! All except one family. [Gen 6:17-18](#) "Behold, I, even I (God) am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall die. (18) But I will establish My covenant (a promise or pledge) with you; and you shall enter the ark — you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you."

Good news! You know by now, if you've been studying the lessons on this church's website, that God never abandons His children, that is all believers in the Lord, Jesus Christ. You remember that, right? Well in case you were worried about it seeing this great flood that God sent, DON'T worry, because it is the TRUTH...God NEVER abandons believers and He always supplies a way through the trouble.

So, the Lord preserved the human race by saving only one family of believers...Noah, his wife, his three sons, and their wives. That's only eight people, kids!!!! Think about it, only eight people out of all the people that lived on the earth in Noah's time. WOW!





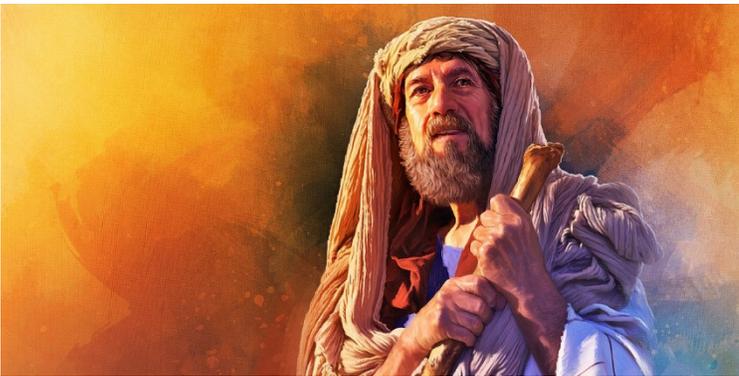
No one except Noah believed. What's even worse (if you can imagine), Noah told them all about the great flood before it came. He witnessed to everyone in his area at the time about Jesus and he did this for 120 years before the great flood!!!!!!
God really is patient with us, isn't He? You bet!

But no one believed! This is so sad.



But God had a plan and His plan worked. From Noah's family came ALL the people in the world today!

What a precious gift God gave us when He gave us the family. And well, Noah's family, it wasn't a perfect family, not by any means. Even though they weren't perfect, Noah's descendants (all the people that came from Noah's family) had lots and lots of children, and they multiplied, and filled the earth with people...with families...fathers and mothers and sons and daughters. What a precious gift God gave us when He gave us the family.



Then at the right time, the Lord called and brought forward another man and told him that He would bless all the families of the earth through his seed.

Gen 12:1-3 "Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go out from your country, and from your relatives, and from your father's house, to the land

that I will show you; (2) And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; (3) and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the **families** of the earth will be blessed."

This time the Lord would make a miracle in the way He started this new family in His plan. This man Abraham and his wife were very old He was 99 and she was 91 but God promised that Abraham and his wife would have a son!! Now that's a miracle! As you can see by the above scripture passage, God made a promise that all the families of the earth will be blessed because of this miracle.

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So, then the Lord was ready to call another family man, Moses, to deliver His people the Hebrews (or the Jews) from the slavery of Egypt.

This is how God announced Himself to Moses: Ex 3:4-6 "When the Lord saw that he (Moses) turned aside to look, God called to him from the middle of the (burning) bush and said, 'Moses, Moses!' And he (Moses) said, 'Here I am.' (5) Then He said, 'Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is

holy ground.' (6) He said also, '**I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.**'"

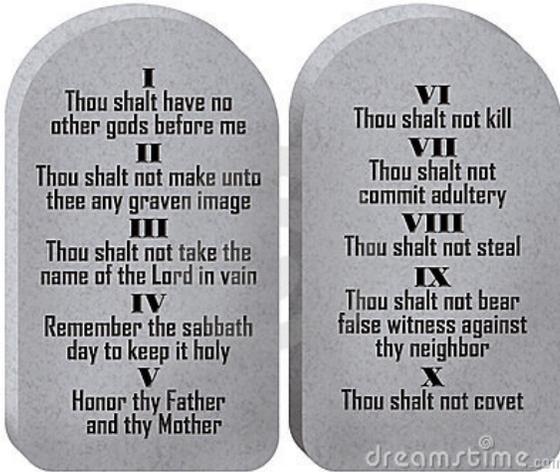
And this same Moses would lead the Hebrews (Jews or Israelites) out of the slavery of Egypt and into the desert where they would be formed as a nation. You remember nations, right? In the last lesson we learned there are four institutions or foundations that God established for mankind and it's the fourth one after volition (free will), marriage, the family, which we are studying now.

Moses went up to the top of Mount Sinai and the Lord spoke to him and gave him the Ten Commandments of God.

Ex 20:1-17 "Then God spoke all these words, saying, (2) 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. (3) You shall have no other gods before Me. (4) You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. (5) You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the sin of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, (6) but showing lovingkindness (grace) to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

(7) You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

(8) Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. (9) Six days you shall labor and do all your work, (10) but the seventh day is a sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your



daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you.

(11) For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore, the Lord blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. (12) **Honor your father and your mother**, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you. (13) You shall not murder. (14)

You shall not commit adultery. (15) You shall not steal. (16) You shall not lie against your neighbor. (17) **You shall not covet (want) your neighbor's house; you shall not covet (want) your neighbor's wife** or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Can you see that three of these Ten Commandments from the Lord are meant for the family life, including the first commandment with a promise? (12) "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you." As well as: (14) "You shall not commit adultery." (17) "You shall not covet (want) your neighbor's house; you shall not covet (want) your neighbor's wife."

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Think about all the families you studied about today. They are all precious in God's mind. And from here forward, God would use the family to preserve the line that would one day bring forth God's own Son, God in the flesh, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Until next time...keep studying God's Word.

Close in prayer.

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