

Principle Workbook

Lesson 38 - Noah's Family

Aims

- * to know God's plan for Noah's family
- * to understand the relevance of the story to our own lives

Materials

Bible story about Noah: Genesis chapters 6-9
Chart of restoration history
Large pictures of the story
Children's worksheet

Lesson Outline

1. The Principles of Restoration
2. Review the story of Noah
3. God's Plan for Noah's Family
4. The Foundation of Faith
5. The Foundation of Substance
6. What can we learn from the story?
7. Activities - worksheet, act out the story
8. Review the lesson aims
9. End with a prayer

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1) The Principles of Restoration

(Use the chart of restoration to explain this)

- * God's purpose in history is to restore human beings to the original unfallen state so that we may fulfill the purpose of creation.
- * But fallen man is in the midway position between God and Satan. To cut off from Satan each person must restore himself to the level Adam and Eve had grown and then receive the Messiah, to be fully restored.
- * In order to receive the Messiah we must first separate ourselves from Satan by making two indemnity conditions: the foundation and faith and substance, which reverse the mistakes of the Fall.
- * The foundation of faith is to restore Adam and Eve's lack of faith in God's word, by making a symbolic offering
- * The foundation of substance is to restore their failure to perfect their character and develop a Godly nature, by getting rid of fallen nature

* God's first attempt to restore fallen man ended in failure when Cain killed Abel. God then chose Adam's third, Seth and from his descendants Noah was chosen.

2) Review the story of Noah

There is too much content to tell the whole story about Noah's family. Instead, review the key events of the Bible story. Ask questions to check knowledge of the story and give the basic facts. Use the pictures to stimulate discussion.

1. Noah was descended from Adam and Eve's third son, Seth, after 10 generations
2. Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham and Japeth
3. The world was full of wickedness at the time of Noah.
4. Only Noah was righteous in God's eyes.
5. God wanted to destroy the evil world through a 40 day flood judgement.
6. God asked Noah to build an ark.
7. Noah built the ark on top of Mt. Ararat
8. The people ridiculed Noah. They thought he was crazy
9. It took 120 years to build the ark
10. God wanted a male and female of each kind of animal in the ark.
11. Only Noah, his wife, his three sons and their three wives survived. Everybody else drowned.
12. After 40 days Noah sent out a raven. It circled around until the waters receded and didn't return. He sent out a dove three times. The first time it returned, because there was no dry land. The second time it returned with an olive branch. The third time it did not return, because it had found dry land
13. God promised that the world would never again be destroyed by a flood. He put a rainbow in the sky to remind people of this promise.
14. God told Noah's family to be fruitful, multiply and have dominion. This was the same blessing that God gave to Adam and Eve.

3) God's Plan for Noah's Family

God chose Noah's family to restore the failure of Cain and Abel. He wanted Noah to make a condition to restore the foundation of Faith. And he wanted his sons, Shem and Ham to make a condition to restore the foundation of substance. Once this was achieved God could send the Messiah and the world could be restored.

4) The Foundation of Faith

The foundation of faith is to restore Adam and Eve's lack of faith in God's word, by making a symbolic offering. Three things are required: a central person, a symbolic offering and a time period.

- * Central Person: Noah, because he was descended from Seth and he was a righteous man
- * Offering : the ark, which represented the new world
- * Time period: 40 days of flood judgement

The flood judgement was to separate the chosen family from the evil world. The number 40 symbolizes separation from Satan

Noah successfully offered a Foundation of Faith. He obeyed God and kept faith, even though people laughed and made fun of him

5) The Foundation of Substance

The foundation of substance is to restore Adam and Eve's failure to perfect their character and develop a Godly nature, by getting rid of fallen nature

Ham needed to inherit the victory of Noah. He had to show the same faith and obedience to God as Noah had shown. He had to make his own foundation of faith. Then he could have made the Foundation of Substance together with his older brother, Shem.

God tested Ham's attitude towards his father when he became drunk and lay naked.

Read the story in Genesis 9: 18-25 about Ham discovering Noah lying drunk and naked.

Ham's feelings of shame towards his father revealed his lack of unity. It might be hard to understand why Noah cursed Ham because of one mistake, but there were probably many examples where Ham showed a wrong attitude towards his father. He couldn't inherit Noah's position because he didn't have the same level of faith and obedience.

One reason for this was his fallen nature. In order to get rid of his fallen nature, Ham should,

1. Love his father
2. Respect his father
3. Obey his father
4. Learn from his father

But Ham didn't love, respect, obey or learn from his father. He could neither inherit Noah's position nor make a foundation of substance. As result the whole of Noah's family lost the qualification to be God's chosen family.

* Adam Position: Ham, the second born

* Archangel Position: Shem, the first born

* Condition to remove fallen nature: no condition was made

6) What can we learn from the story?

What can we learn from Noah's attitude?

1. He had complete faith in God and obeyed his word, even though to build an ark on a mountain seemed a crazy idea. He didn't question God's direction. He did the right thing, not what was popular. We can learn from Noah that we should listen to our conscience and do what is right, rather than follow a crowd of friends just to be accepted.

2. He had great perseverance. No matter how much he was persecuted, he kept going. We also should learn to keep going when things are difficult, just like Noah. Because he persevered under great difficulty, God blessed him. If we keep going God's blessing will also come to us.

What can we learn from Ham's attitude?

1. Ham should have respected Noah completely as God's representative. But Ham didn't see him through God's eyes. Instead he criticized his father and felt ashamed of him.

2. Children need the right attitude towards their parents, in order to inherit from them and receive God's blessing. Parents aren't perfect, but children should love, respect, and obey their directions, so they can learn from them. Then children can develop their original nature.

7) Activities

* Complete the worksheet

* Act out the story when Noah is discovered drunk, to emphasize Ham's attitude towards Noah.

8) Review the aims

To conclude ask each person what they could learn from today's lesson. Refer to the lesson aim:

* to learn God's plan for Noah's family.

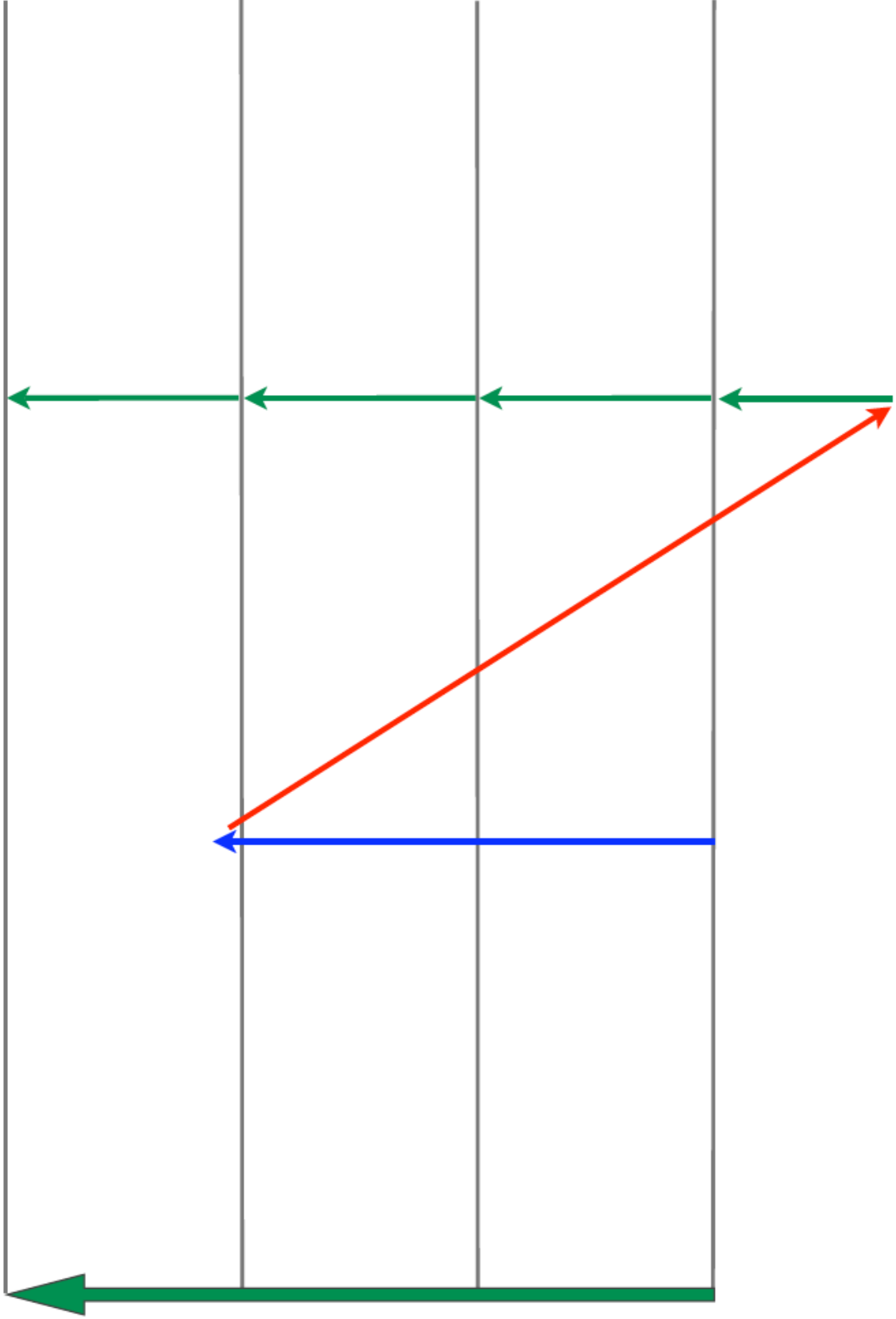
- God chose Noah's family to restore the failure of Cain and Abel.
- Noah was to make a foundation of faith through the flood judgement.
- Ham and Shem were to make a foundation of substance in the positions of Adam and the archangel

* to understand the relevance of the story to our own lives

- We can learn from Noah to do the right thing and not what is popular. He had faith in God and obeyed His word. We should do the same. We should listen to our conscience and obey it..
- We can learn from Ham's mistake the importance of having the right attitude towards parents, so we can inherit from them.

9) End with a prayer

Restoration History





Questions about Noah

1. Who was Noah descended from?

Noah was descended from Adam and Eve's third son, Seth, after 10 generations

2. How many sons did Noah have? What were their names?

Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham and Japeth

3. What was the world like at Noah's time?

- The world was full of wickedness at the time of Noah.

4. What was different about Noah?

- Only Noah was righteous in God's eyes.

5. What did God want to do about all the wickedness?

- God wanted to destroy the evil world through a 40 day flood judgement.

6. What did God ask Noah to do?

- God asked Noah to build an ark.

7. Where did he build it?

- Noah built the ark on top of Mt. Ararat

8. What did people think about Noah?

- The people ridiculed Noah. They thought he was crazy

9. How many years did it take Noah to build the ark?

- It took 120 years to build the ark

10. What did God want Noah to put in the ark?

- God wanted a male and female of each kind of animal in the ark.

11. Who survived the flood judgement?

- Only Noah, his wife, his three sons and their three wives survived. Everybody else drowned.

12. When the rain stopped God sent out different birds to search for dry land? Which birds did he send out and what happened to them?

- After 40 days Noah sent out a raven. It circled around until the waters receded and didn't return. He sent out a dove three times. The first time it returned, because there was no dry land. The second time it returned with an olive branch. The third time it did not return, because it had found dry land

13. What did God promise Noah once they reached dry land?

- God promised that the world would never again be destroyed by a flood. He put a rainbow in the sky to remind people of this promise.

14. What three blessings did God give Noah's family?

- God told Noah's family to be fruitful, multiply and have dominion. This was the same blessing that God gave to Adam and Eve.

Genesis 6

The Flood

¹ When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, ² the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. ³ Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with ^[a] man forever, for he is mortal ^[b]; his days will be a hundred and twenty years."

⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

⁵ The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. ⁶ The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. ⁷ So the LORD said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

⁹ This is the account of Noah.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. ¹⁰ Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. ¹² God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. ¹³ So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. ¹⁴ So make yourself an ark of cypress ^[c] wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. ¹⁵ This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. ^[d] ¹⁶ Make a roof for it and finish ^[e] the ark to within 18 inches ^[f] of the top. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. ¹⁷ I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹ You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. ²⁰ Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. ²¹ You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them."

²² Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

Genesis 7

¹ The LORD then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. ² Take with you seven ^[a] of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and two of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, ³ and also seven of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth. ⁴ Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made."

⁵ And Noah did all that the LORD commanded him.

⁶ Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth. ⁷ And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood. ⁸ Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, ⁹ male and female,

came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah. ¹⁰ And after the seven days the floodwaters came on the earth.

¹¹ In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. ¹² And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

¹³ On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark. ¹⁴ They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings. ¹⁵ Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. ¹⁶ The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD shut him in.

¹⁷ For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. ¹⁸ The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. ¹⁹ They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. ²⁰ The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than twenty feet. ^b, ^c ²¹ Every living thing that moved on the earth perished—birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. ²² Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died. ²³ Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; men and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds of the air were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark.

²⁴ The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.

Genesis 8

¹ But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded. ² Now the springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens had been closed, and the rain had stopped falling from the sky. ³ The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone down, ⁴ and on the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵ The waters continued to recede until the tenth month, and on the first day of the tenth month the tops of the mountains became visible.

⁶ After forty days Noah opened the window he had made in the ark ⁷ and sent out a raven, and it kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth. ⁸ Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground. ⁹ But the dove could find no place to set its feet because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark. ¹⁰ He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. ¹¹ When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. ¹² He waited seven more days and sent the dove out again, but this time it did not return to him.

¹³ By the first day of the first month of Noah's six hundred and first year, the water had dried up from the earth. Noah then removed the covering from the ark and saw that the surface of the ground was dry. ¹⁴ By the twenty-seventh day of the second month the earth was completely dry.

¹⁵ Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶ "Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. ¹⁷ Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number upon it."

¹⁸ So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. ¹⁹ All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on the earth—came out of the ark, one kind after another.

²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. ²¹ The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though ^{1a} every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

²² "As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night
will never cease."

Genesis 9

God's Covenant With Noah

¹ Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. ² The fear and dread of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given into your hands. ³ Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.

⁴ "But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it. ⁵ And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each man, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man.

⁶ "Whoever sheds the blood of man,
by man shall his blood be shed;
for in the image of God
has God made man.

⁷ As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it."

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹ "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰ and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

¹² And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³ I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶ Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

¹⁷ So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

The Sons of Noah

¹⁸ The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) ¹⁹ These were the three sons of Noah, and from them came the people who were scattered over the earth.

²⁰ Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded ^a to plant a vineyard. ²¹ When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent. ²² Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father's nakedness and told his two brothers outside. ²³ But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then they walked in backward and covered their father's nakedness. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father's nakedness.

²⁴ When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him, ²⁵ he said,

**"Cursed be Canaan!
The lowest of slaves
will he be to his brothers."**

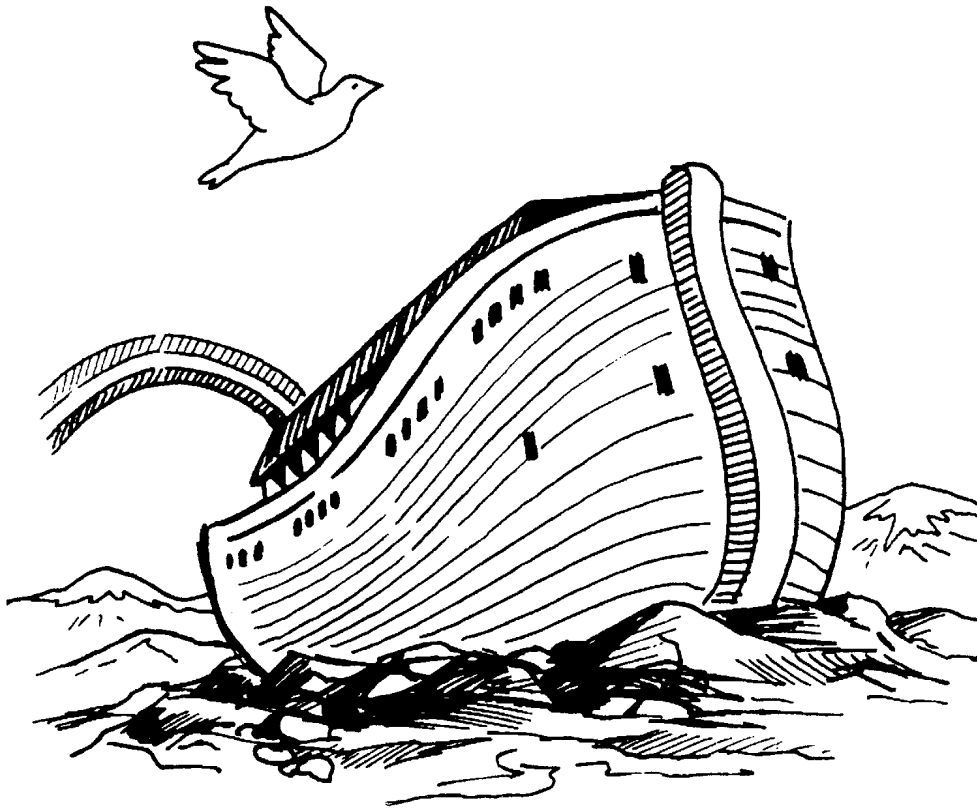
²⁶ He also said,

"Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem!
May Canaan be the slave of Shem. ^b

²⁷ May God extend the territory of Japheth ^c ;
may Japheth live in the tents of Shem,
and may Canaan be his ^d slave."

²⁸ After the flood Noah lived 350 years. ²⁹ Altogether, Noah lived 950 years, and then he died.

Noah's Family



God chose Noah's family to restore the failure of _____ and _____.

He wanted _____ to make a condition to restore the foundation of Faith.

And he wanted his sons, _____ and _____ to make a condition to restore the foundation of substance. Once this was achieved _____ could send the _____ and the world could be restored.

The Foundation of Faith

Central Person	
Offering	
Time Period	

What can we learn from Noah's attitude?

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The Foundation of Substance

Adam's Position	
Archangel Position	
Condition to remove fallen nature	

What can we learn from Ham's attitude?

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