

DISPENSATIONAL THEOLOGY

Lesson 3

CONSCIENCE

Genesis 4:1-8:19

Description: Covers the time from the fall of man to the universal flood of Noah's time. This was approximately 1600 years.

Man's condition:

1. No longer innocent
 2. Man is now "in sin" and has a broken relationship with God Romans 5:12
 3. Man now knows the difference between good and evil. He knows what is right and what is wrong. Genesis 3:5 & 22
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- I. Ruling Factor
 - a. Let your *conscience* be your guide to make the right decision Romans 2:14 & 15
 - b. Allow God's Spirit to influence you Genesis 6:3
 - c. Blood sacrifice was required to approach God Genesis 4:2-7 Hebrews 11:4 & 9:22

 - II. Failure of Man
 - a. Can started out refusing to change; even though God urged him to correct his ways. When Cain was with his brother Abel, he killed him. Genesis 4:6-10
 - b. Cain's descendants were known for their wickedness Genesis 4:16-24
 - c. Man as a whole became incredibly wicked and thought about doing evil all the time Genesis 6:5 Genesis 6:11 & 12
 - d. Sons of God (fallen angels) at the time came to earth and had children through human women, creating Nephilim (to fall upon) who were "mighty men". Genesis 6:2-4; II Peter 2:4 & 5; Jude 6

 - III. Judgement of God
 - a. God decides to kill off mankind and animals Genesis 6:6 & 7;
 - b. God decides to flood the entire earth Genesis 6:17; Genesis 7:11-12;

 - IV. Grace of God

- a. But God saw Noah and extended grace to him and his family. Creation, too, will survive Genesis 6:8 & 14-22
- b. God saw that Noah was righteous, in spite of his culture and circumstance Genesis 7:1
- c. After Noah and his family and all the animals were on the ark—GOD closed the door behind them. What great care and protection! Genesis 7:16

NOTES OF INTEREST IN THE AGE OF CONSCIENCE:

1. Two and a half chapters are dedicated to Noah, the ark and the flood. This shows importance. It was referenced twice by Christ, three times by Peter and once by the writer of Hebrews. Matthew 24:38 & 39; Luke 17:27; I Peter 3:20; II Peter 2:5 & 3:6; Hebrews 11:7
2. The incredible number of years that men lived Genesis 5:5—Adam was 930; Genesis 5:8—Seth was 912; Genesis 5:14—Kenan was 910; Genesis 5:20—Jared was 962; Genesis 5:27—Methuselah was 969
3. Enoch did not die—God took him; he lived 365 years Genesis 5:23 & 24; Enoch walked with God
4. God makes a covenant with man and animals to never flood the earth again. Genesis 9:8-16 Genesis 7:11 (floodgates of the sky=rain) The sign of the covenant is the rainbow. Prior to the flood there was no direct sunlight. No sun or moon mentioned (greater light and lesser light) until after the flood.
5. Climate change is not in control Genesis 8:21 & 22 God's promise