LESSON 17

 What happened when the sons of the line of Seth began to marry the daughters of the line of Cain?
 More and more people did not want to listen to God.
 More and more people listened only to Satan.

2. God said He would speak to the people for only 120 years, and if they still refused to follow God, what would God do?

-God would punish them with death.

3. How was God speaking to the people?-God the Holy Spirit was speaking to the people in their minds.

4. What was God the Holy Spirit saying to the people?-To listen to God and not to Satan.To follow the way of Cod and not their own way.

-To follow the way of God and not their own way.

5. What were the people of Noah's time like?

-They were selfish and greedy.

-They were wicked and violent.

-They did not want God's path.

-They only wanted their own path.

6. Did God see the sins of the people?-Yes, God saw all of their sins.

7. Because the earth was full of the people's sin, what did God decide to do?-To destroy all of the living beings on earth.

8. Why did God decide to save Noah?
-Noah knew he had been born into sin.
-Noah knew he had sinned against God.
-Noah knew God punishes all sin with death.
-Noah knew God alone was able to save him.
-Noah knew God would send the Savior to save him from his sins.

9. What did God command Noah to do?-To build a boat.

10. Did God want Noah to build the boat according to Noah's way?-No.

11. How did God want Noah to build the boat?-Exactly as God commanded.

12. How many boats did God command Noah to build? -Only one.

13. How many doors did God command Noah to build into the boat?-Only one.

14. Even though no one on earth had ever seen rain before, what did Noah believe?That God would send a flood.

15. What did Noah do while he was building the boat?-Noah was telling the people to listen to and believe in God.

-God told Noah that He was going to send a flood to destroy all the people who did not believe in God.

-Does God forget to do what He says He will do? -No.

-Does God always do what He says He will do? -Yes.

-Here is an illustration:

-One day, your child breaks your pot.

-You become very angry with your child. -You tell your child you will punish him later.

-Later, you forget to punish your child.-Later, you also forget that your child broke your pot.

-But God is not like people. -People forget, but God does not forget.

-God told Adam that he would die if he ate the fruit.

-Did Adam die when he ate the fruit?
-Yes.
-Did God forget what He told Adam?
-No.
-Did God do what He said He would do?
-Yes.

-God sent Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden.

-God is not like people.

-God never forgets to do what He says He will do. -God will always do what He says He will do.

-God does not forget about sin. -God does not forget about punishing sin.

-God punishes each and every sin. -God punishes each and every sin with death.

-God waited for the people to believe in Him.

-How long did God wait for the people in Noah's time to believe in Him? -120 years.

-While God waited for the people to believe in Him, did his anger with their sin decrease? -No. -While God waited for the people to believe in Him, his anger with their sin only increased.

-God's anger with sin only increases.

-God's anger with sin only increases until the time comes for God to punish sin.

-What did God say to Noah after Noah finished building the boat?

Let's read Genesis 7:1-4

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 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."

-After Noah finished building the boat, what did God tell Noah to do?

-God told Noah to take his family and enter the boat. -God also told Noah to take animals into the boat. -The time had come for God to destroy the people.

-Why was God going to destroy the people?

The people did not believe that they were sinners.The people did not believe that their sin merited eternal death.

-The people did not believe that God alone would save them. -The people did not believe in God's promise to send the Savior.

-God waited 120 years for the people to turn from their own path to follow God's path.

-But the people only wanted their own path.

-God waited for 120 years.

-God would wait no longer. -It was time for God to punish the people.

-Today, God is still the same.

-God is waiting for the people to turn from their own path to follow God's path.

-One day, God will wait no longer. -One day, God will punish all the people. Let's read Genesis 7:7-11

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.

-How did Noah and his family enter the boat? -By the only door.

-How did all of the animals enter the boat? -By the only door.

-This was the only door to be saved.

-This was the only door to escape the punishment of God.

-Did God save Noah because Noah was good? -No.

-God saved Noah because Noah believed that he has sinned. -God saved Noah because Noah believed that his sin merited eternal death.

-God saved Noah because Noah believed that only God would save him.

-God saved Noah because Noah believed God's promise to send the Savior.

-What happened after Noah and his family and all the animals entered the boat?

Let's read Genesis 7:16b

16-Then the LORD shut Noah in.

-After Noah and his family and all the animals entered the boat, what did God do?

-God shut the door.

-Why did God shut the door?

-So that those inside would be safe. -So that those outside would die.

-If the people outside would cry, was Noah able to open the door?-No.-Why not?

-Because God shut the door.

-When God sent Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden, were they able to get back in?-No.-Why not?

-Because God shut them out of the garden by placing an angel and a flaming sword at the entrance.

-Can anyone escape God's punishment? -No.

-When God decides to punish people, no one can escape.

-After God shut the door of the boat, He sent the rain.

Let's read Genesis 7:17-20

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 mountains to a depth of more than twenty feet.

-How did God make the flood cover the entire earth?

-In the beginning, God separated the waters.

-God left some of the water on the earth, and placed some of the water above the sky.

-To make the flood cover the entire earth, God caused all the water that He placed above the sky to rain down.

-Had the people ever seen rain before? -No.

-Even though the people had never seen rain before, God caused it to rain for 40 days.

-The whole earth became covered with water.

-Even the highest mountains and tallest trees were covered with water.

-God can do everything. -Nothing is impossible for God. -God alone is all powerful.

-What happened to all who were outside the boat?

Let's read Genesis 7:21-23

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.

-What happened to all of the animals outside of the boat? -They all died.

-What happened to all of the people outside of the boat? -They all died.

-Most people today do not believe they are sinners. -Most people today do not believe their sin merits eternal death.

-Most people today do not believe that God alone can save them.

-Most people today do not believe the promise of God to send the Savior.

-Most people today listen to Satan and not God. -Most people today love their sin. -Are you like most people, or are you like Noah?

-Was anyone outside the boat saved? -No.

-God said that all the people outside the boat would die. -God always does what He says He will do.

-What did God do after all the people outside the boat died?

Let's read Genesis 8:1-4 & 14-19

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.

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.

-God remembered Noah and his family in the boat. -God stopped the rain, and sent a wind to dry the earth.

-Some people believe that the demons control the rain and the wind.

-That is a lie.

-Only God made the rain and the wind. -Only God is the chief of the rain and the wind.

-God protected Noah and his family in the boat. -God protected all the animals in the boat.

-Did anyone inside the boat die? -No.

-God said that He would save Noah and his family. -God always does what He says He will do.

-What did Noah do after he left the boat?

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 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."

-Because Noah was so happy that God saved him, Noah sacrificed to God.

-Why did God accept Noah's sacrifice?

-Because Noah believed in God. -Because Noah turned from his own path to follow God's path.

-Did the blood of the animals pay for Noah's sin? -No.

-The blood taught Noah that the punishment for sin is eternal death.

-What did God do after Noah sacrificed to God?

Let's read Genesis 9:1-3

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."

-God blessed Noah and his family.

-God also made Noah and all people chief over all the animals, the birds, and the fish.

-God also gave Noah a sign.

Let's read Genesis 9:8 & 11-13

8-Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him:

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."

-What sign did God give Noah and all people? -A rainbow.

-What does the sign of the rainbow mean?

-The rainbow means that God will never again destroy the earth with a flood.

-Has God kept His promise not to destroy the earth again by flood? -Yes.

-Since the time of Noah, God has never destroyed all of the earth and everything in it by a flood.

Let's read Genesis 9:18-19

18-The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

19-These were the three sons of Noah, and from them came the people who were scattered over the earth.

-Who were the sons of Noah who are the forefathers of all people on the earth?

-Shem, Ham, and Japheth.