

**ROOTS**  
*A Study in Genesis*



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**LESSON 5 GENESIS 5:1 - 6:8**

1. What was your takeaway from last week's study on **Genesis 4**, and how did that impact you or your prayers during this past week?
  
2. As you read **Genesis 5:1-6:8**, pray and ask God to reveal His truths just for you. Pray also that He gives you glimpses of God's grand plan for mankind which culminates in the good news of Jesus.
3. **Genesis 5** is a genealogy from Adam to Noah. What clues do you see in **Genesis 4:26b-5:2** about the relationship between God and man at the start of this family history?
  - a) Skim through the first part of the genealogy, **Genesis 5:3-20**. What stands out to you?
    - b) God created man to live forever, it would seem, by the creation account (**Gen. 2:17, 3:22**). What do you think the repeated phrase "and then he died," signifies, given how it all started in Eden?
  
5. **V21-24** describe a notable member of this family tree, Enoch.
  - a) What was noteworthy about Enoch?
    - b) As for you, what would you say people notice about you and your life now? How do you want to be remembered?

6. Noah is introduced in **V28-32**. What thoughts or questions does Noah's introduction stir up in you?

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**Genesis 6** fills in some of the blanks about what was going on in human culture during the period of the generations listed in **Genesis 5**.

7. Read **Genesis 6:1-5**. What phrases describe the predominant condition of mankind (see **V5**)?

8. **V2** and **V4** describe beings called Nephilim.

a) Who were the Nephilim (**V4**)?

b) The Nephilim were regarded as heroes in their day. Taking into account your answer to Question 7, how do you think God regarded the Nephilim?

c) How can you apply this to the admiration people have for the "heroes" of our time?

9. God sets a new boundary for mankind in **V3**.

a) What was the boundary, and why do you think God established it?

b) Do you think God was punishing or protecting mankind with this new limitation?

10. What do we learn about God's response to human wickedness from **V5-7**?

11. What things deeply trouble you? How do the things that trouble you compare to the things that trouble God?

12. Noah found favor with God because he was **ROOTED** in righteousness (**Genesis 6:8**) unlike the culture around him. How and where have you stood firmly **ROOTED** in your faith in God though feeling surrounded by wickedness or worldliness? Explain.

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**“GOSPEL GLIMPSES”**: Throughout the Book of Genesis, we will see previews of Jesus, and a foreshadowing of the Gospel (The Salvation Story).

1. a) **Genesis 6:1-8** illustrates how unrestrained sin escalates to infect a whole culture. The good news of the Gospel is that God sent Jesus to heal a sickness that man could not eradicate - the disease of sin. How do these passages add to your understanding of man's basic sinfulness?

- **Psalm 14:1-3**

- **Romans 3:10-12**

- **Romans 3:23**

b) Now read **Romans 3:24-26**. How does this help you to understand and perhaps reconcile the fact that God allows wickedness to increase in our world for a time?

2. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Genesis 6:8**

b) Pray with thanksgiving as you reflect on the good news that you, too, can find favor in the eyes of the Lord by becoming a follower of Jesus Christ and walking faithfully with Him.

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**PRAYER REQUEST**