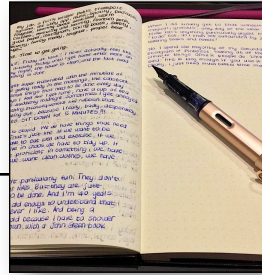


Genesis & The Story of Your Life (Part 1) Noah, Abraham



“And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring [seed] and her offspring [her seed]. He [the seed of the woman; the virgin birthed Messiah] will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.” Genesis 3:15 NLT

The story of several people is told in the book of Genesis—Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Lot, Rebekah, Jacob, Esau, and Joseph. Each of these people has a “life message.” Their stories teach us important lessons about life.

Our lives are also a story. Our lives have a message. What message do you want to leave to the next generation?

The Central Lesson:

Our lives have a “life message.” What do you want your message to be?

1. Noah - **STAND** for God even when the world bows to sin. (Genesis 6:9).

“5 The Lord observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil.” Genesis 6:5 NLT.

“...Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God.” Genesis 6:9 NLT

The story of Noah involves two tragic worldwide floods. The first was a **moral flood** of wickedness that covered the earth (Gen. 6:5-7, 11-12). The second was **the flood of God’s judgment** when he destroyed all life on earth except those on the Ark (Gen. 6:13, 17-22). Noah had 120 years to build the Ark. During that time, he was also preaching to the people (2 Peter 2:5). He warned them of coming judgment and the need to repent. Unfortunately, everyone turned a deaf ear. They continued in wickedness. However, Noah obeyed God in a disobedient world. Noah is an example of standing alone for God when the world bows to sin.

The central lesson of Noah’s life is — **Stand for God even when the world bows to sin.**

Demonic Intermarriage with Human Women?

Genesis 6:1-2 is **controversial**. There are **two major views**. First, Genesis 6:1-2 records, *“The sons of God saw the beautiful women [Hebrew: daughters of men] and took any they wanted as their wives”* (v.2 NLT).

(1) Some believe the reference to *“the sons of God”* refers to **fallen angels** (see Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7; Jude 6; 1 Peter 3:19-20). Further, they believe their offspring with human women were the *“giant Nephilites”* (NLT). *“...for whenever the sons of God had intercourse with women, they gave birth to children who became the heroes and famous warriors of ancient times.”* (Gen. 6:4).

This view states that Satan was trying to prevent the coming of the Savior by *polluting all human genetics with demonic DNA*. One Bible teacher explains: *“Satan tried to pollute the genetic ‘pool’ of mankind with a satanic corruption, to put a genetic ‘virus’ to make the human race unfit for bringing forth the Seed of the woman - the Messiah - promised in Genesis 3:15.”* (David Guzik, *Enduring Word*).

Those who hold this view believe God destroyed the human race with the Flood to **stop the spread of the demonic gene pool** and start over with Noah and his family.

(2) The second view rejects the demonic cohabitation position and believes that *“the sons of God”* refers to **the godly line of Seth**, and the daughters of men are **the sinful line of Cain**. This resulted in a marriage between the godly and ungodly, something God prohibited (see Deut. 7:1-4; 2 Cor. 6:14). Also, this view refers to Matthew 22:30 when Jesus said angels *“...neither marry nor be given in marriage....”* Therefore, angels cannot have children with human women (unless human men are demon-possessed).

2. Abraham - **FAITH** in God should be our way of life.

“6 And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith.” Genesis 15:6 NLT.

“19 And Abraham’s faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah’s womb. 20 Abraham never wavered in believing God’s promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. 21 He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises.” Romans 4:19-21 NLT

Abraham was known as a **man of faith**. Faith is essential in several ways: Faith is the only basis for salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9). Faith is necessary for pleasing God (Hebrews 11:6). Faith is essential to receiving *“anything”* from God (James 1:6-7). **Faith in God should be our way of life.** The Apostle Paul said: *“...the righteous will live by faith (NIV)”* (Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; also see 2 Cor.5:7; Gal. 2:20; Heb. 10:38). The story of Abraham not only illustrates the importance of faith in life but that it is a life-long growing process. It is not developed overnight.

God **tested** Abraham’s faith to stretch it and grow it. He told Abraham to go up on the mountain and sacrifice his son Isaac (22:2). Abraham, by this time, had grown in faith. He knew God would fulfill the covenant of a great nation and the coming of the Messiah through Isaac. Apparently, he believed that God would raise Isaac back to life if he were sacrificed (see Hebrews 11:17-19). Abraham’s comments to his servants (22:5) and his son (22:7-8) indicated that he believed Isaac would come back down the mountain with him alive. Abraham passed God’s test and told him not to touch his boy (22:9-14). God will stretch and grow our faith through times of testing. Pass the test.

The central lesson of Abraham’s life is—**A life of faith is not developed overnight but is a life-long growing process.**

The Central Lesson

Our lives have a “life message.” What do you want your message to be?

► Accept Christ as your Savior. ► As a Christian, dedicate your life to Christ. ► Invite someone to next Sunday’s study. ► Attend a small group. ► Read the Bible this week ► Pray for friends that need Jesus.