



Genesis: The Book That Started It All
Weekly Devotionals | September 28

OPEN with prayer.

Find a quiet place where you can set aside distractions. Ask the Lord to meet you in His Word. Pray that the Holy Spirit would give you wisdom and insight as you reflect on this sobering but hope-filled account of God's judgment and mercy.

READ Genesis 6–9.

- What stands out to you in these chapters? Write down any words, themes, or repeated phrases you notice.
- In Genesis 6:5-7, we read God's grief over human sin. How does this description of human wickedness compare to the brokenness we see in the world today? How does it make you feel to know that sin grieves the heart of God?
- Noah is described as "righteous" and one who "walked faithfully with God" (Genesis 6:9). What do you think it meant for Noah to walk with God in such a corrupt generation? What might that look like for you today?
- Genesis 7–8 tells the story of the flood. In what ways is this both a story of judgment and of salvation?
- Read Genesis 9:8–17. What does God's covenant with Noah and the rainbow sign teach us about His character and His promises?

- How does the story of Noah's ark point forward to Jesus? (Hint: Think about themes of judgment, salvation, covenant, and new creation.)

The New Testament reflects often on Noah and the flood.

- Read Hebrews 11:7. How does Noah's faith challenge or inspire your own faith?
- Read 1 Peter 3:18–22. How does Peter connect the flood with baptism and the work of Christ? What do you learn about salvation from this passage?
- At the end of the story, God promises never again to destroy the earth by flood. But the Bible tells us that one day God will bring final judgment and also full renewal. Read Revelation 21:1-5. How does this vision of new creation give you hope?

PRAY

Spend a few minutes responding to God. Confess where sin has grieved Him. Thank Him for His salvation and His promises. Ask Him to help you walk faithfully with Him in your generation, as Noah did in his. Praise Him that in Jesus, judgment and mercy meet—and that He is making all things new.