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# Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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## Preparations for Deliverance Genesis 6:11-22

### Aim and Application of the Lesson

The lesson reviews how God established a covenant with Noah for redemption even as mankind persisted in sin by providing **Preparations for Deliverance**. The study's aim is to remember that God loves us so much that He has prepared a way for our deliverance from sin. The study's application is to make sure that we have taken refuge in His covenant.

*(Adapted from the Bible Expositor and Illuminator Commentary)*

### Lesson Introduction and Background

When I was a child, one of my favorite songs in Sunday school had to do with Noah and the ark. Starting with God's message to Noah, it basically outlined the entire story of the Great Flood. It had a catchy little chorus that reminded us to give glory to God in our lives. What I liked about this song was how easy the story was to remember. When that little tune got stuck in my head, I had no problem recalling it. I could just sing the story if I wanted to remember. As an adult, I have caught on to a few nuances that I did not understand as a child. What strikes me now about Noah's history is the precise nature of the task Noah was asked to undertake. I think we tend to overlook that. Noah's task was not simple at all. Noah was given detailed instructions on everything from the type of wood to use for the ark (Gen. 6:14), its dimensions, and even how to waterproof it. God told Noah how many doors to build and how many decks to make. Then He told Noah exactly how many of the animals should go into it (6:19-20; 7:2-3). Nothing was left unclear in the directions. We see this happening often with God. When God chooses to deliver His children from something, He usually gives specific instructions. It happened in Exodus 12 when the Israelites left Egypt, and again when they were given victory over Jericho (Josh. 6:1-5). We begin to see a pattern of clear direction given by God just before He provides deliverance for His children. What is our part in all this? We are expected to obey. In every instance I have mentioned, obedience brought about blessing. There have also been instances when someone did not pay attention to God's instructions (cf. Exod. 16:19-20; Num. 20:8-12). When that happened, those individuals suffered severe consequences. What if Mary had not consented to bear our Savior or Paul had not chosen to listen when God told him to spread the gospel? God will raise up individuals whose hearts are turned toward Him. Following God requires complete obedience. There is to be nothing halfhearted about it. Noah could have chosen to build the ark with any dimensions, yet he chose to follow God's instructions down to the last detail. He spent years of preparation paying attention to every minor detail. During those years, he no doubt was mocked; yet he was diligent in his obedience. Because of this, his family alone received God's blessing of salvation. We need to be intentional about our obedience. When God gives us clear directions, we should not dispute them. Even when they do not make sense, we need to be obedient to the last detail. God may not always give us precise instructions, but we need to follow those He does give. Remember that they may be a preparation for something to come. If you disobey, you may not experience His full blessing and deliverance in the situation. Is there an area where God is giving you instruction? If there is, God may be asking you to prepare for something. Choose to obey His instruction and receive the blessing He will bring

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### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**  
Genuine faith stays strong when deliverance seems distant

**POEM FOR THE WEEK:**  
I have learned to love my Savior,  
And I trust Him more each day;  
For no matter what the trial,  
He will always be my stay. —Hess

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:**  
*But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up*  
(Dan 3:18 NKJV)

*(from "Our Daily Bread", Oct 4, 2004)*

### **New Series: Beginnings**

**UNIT: Cataclysm and a  
New Beginning**

### NEXT WEEK

**Safety in the Ark**  
(Gen 7:1-10)

## NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

### God's Decision to Destroy the Earth (Gen 6:11-13)

#### *Destruction because of corruption and violence (11-12)*

- Corruption through idolatry (Deut 4:15-16)
- Corruption that continually becomes more wicked (Hos 9:9)
- Corruption that never responds to correction (Jer 7:27-29)
- Corruption of impurity (Ezek 24:13)
- Corruption of deeds (Ps 14:1-3)
- Corruption of authorities (Ps 94:20)
- Corruption by false doctrine (1 Tim 6:3-5)

#### *Judgment to destroy all flesh (13)*

- Because no flesh can be justified (Rom 3:20)
- Because the flesh is weak (Rom 6:19)
- Because in the flesh, sinful passions are aroused (Rom 7:5)
- Because while in the flesh, my mind is on things of the flesh (Rom 8:5)
- Because the flesh craves things out of the sinful nature (Eph 2:3)
- Because the flesh enslaves through all kinds of worldly passions and pleasures (Titus 3:3)

### God's Instructions for Deliverance (Gen 6:14-16)

#### *Deliverance through an Ark of refuge (14-15)*

- Refuge for the oppressed and those in trouble (Ps 9:9)
- Refuge because God is a fortress and shield (Ps 18:2)
- Refuge because God is good (Ps 34:8)
- Refuge because God is all powerful (Ps 46:1)
- Refuge for the righteous (Prov 10:29)
- Refuge through God's word (Prov 30:5)
- Refuge to those who trust in God (Nah 1:7)

#### *Deliverance through an Ark with enough room (16)*

- Room because there are many places available (John 14:2)
- Room because for everything that overcomes (Rev 3:12)
- Room because God wants His creation to be with Him (John 17:24)
- Room for the blessing (2 Kings 3:16-17)

### God's Covenant with Noah (Gen 6:17-22)

#### *Covenant of the elect (17-18)*

- For the comfort of the elect (2 Cor 1:6-7)
- For the benefit of the elect (2 Cor 4:13-15)
- For the Suffering of the elect (Col 1:24)
- For the deliverance of the elect (Matt 24:24)

#### *Covenant of the animals (19-20)*

- Because God is good to all He created (Ps 145:9)
- Because God knows their needs (Matt 6:26)
- Because God can provide better than man (Matt 6:28-29)
- Because God they look to God to satisfy them (Ps 104:25-29)

#### *Covenant of provisions (21-22)*

- Provision of food (2 Cor 9:10)
- Provision of needs (Phil 4:19)
- Provision of wants (Ps 23:1)
- Provision of grace (2 Cor 9:8)