

God Punishes Sin

Genesis 6

It was a beautiful fall day but windy and a bit chilly. Mother had told Samantha to leave her jacket on while she was outside playing. But Samantha had been running and now she was hot. She did not want to wear her jacket.

Samantha thought, "If I stay behind this tree, Mother won't see me, and then she won't know if I keep my jacket on or not."

Samantha took off her jacket and threw it on the ground. Suddenly, Samantha looked up. Her mother was right there!

"Samantha, I am so sorry you disobeyed me. Now I will have to punish you," said Mother.

God, too, must punish disobedience, or sin. God is holy, and obedience is very important to Him. Listen and learn what happened many years ago when the people disobeyed God.

Many years after God made His world; lots of people were living on the earth. But instead of loving and obeying and worshiping God as He wanted them to, people FORGOT God – and did bad things. We call those bad things "sin".

For many years God had warned people that they could NOT continue to sin and that they would have to be punished if they did not stop doing bad things. But the people did NOT listen to God. They did NOT believe Him! Instead, they went right on doing bad things and making fun of people who did obey God.

Finally, the time came when there were only eight people in the WHOLE WORLD who loved and worshiped God. Everyone else had forgotten God. God told people what would happen if they continued to sin. Because He is such a great God, He ALWAYS keeps His word and does exactly what He says He will do.

God made a wonderful plan to save the eight people who believed in Him. He told the daddy in the family – his name was Noah – to build an ark. The ark had to be big enough for eight people to live in AND big enough to hold two of every single kind of animal and bird and reptile in the whole world. Oh, this had to be a B-I-G ARK.

Noah and his sons began to build the ark. God told them exactly how long and how tall to make it, and where to put the door and where the window should be. They believed God and wanted to obey Him.

God told Noah He was going to send lots and lots of rain – until EVERYTHING in the whole world was covered with water. All the grass and trees and even the tall, tall mountains would be covered with water. Only those people and animals and birds and reptiles that were in the ark would be safe. God always does what He says He will do – but He is also loving. God would care for those who loved and obeyed Him.

Noah and his sons worked and worked until the ark was finished. Then they carried in lots and lots of good things to eat: food for people, food for animals, and food for birds. The Bible says that Noah did EVERYTHING that God had told him to do. Because he believed God, he obeyed Him.

Our God is a holy God; He always does what He says He will do – and what He does is always good and right. Although He loves people very much, He does not want them to do bad things. Because He is holy, He must punish sin so that people will begin to love and obey Him once again.

Bible Verse to Learn

“The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.” (Psalm 145:17).