

## Lessons from Torah – 09

### Forty Days on the Ark – Week 1 - Genesis 6:1-13

1. Who are “the sons of God”?
  - a. “They . . . mated with whomever they chose”
    - i. Their union with “the daughters of men” is the source of God’s severe judgment
    - ii. Their descendants are “Nephilim”, which means “fallen ones”
      1. ‘Giants’ (like Goliath)
      2. ‘Men of renown’ (like the ‘heroes’ of pagan myths)
  - b. “Sons of God” appears only five times in the Hebrew:
    - i. Here in 6:2, 4
    - ii. Job 1:6, 2:1, referring to the angels
    - iii. Job 38:7 – Present before man was created
  - c. In the New Testament, “sons of God” are humans with three characteristics:
    - i. Reborn by the Holy Spirit by faith in Christ
    - ii. Becoming more Christlike (Romans 8:28-30)
    - iii. Fully God’s children at the resurrection when, like the angels, they have passed through death and ‘can no longer die’ (Luke 20:36)
2. Three views:
  - a. “Sons of rulers”,
    - i. Meaning royalty mixed with common people
    - ii. Nowhere condemned in the Bible (Song of Songs - Solomon loves a common girl)
  - b. “Sons of faith” –
    - i. ‘Believers’ marry ‘unbelievers’ or ‘unrighteous’
    - ii. Usually taken to mean the line of Seth intermarried with the line of Cain
    - iii. But ‘righteousness’ is not a matter of genetics
    - iv. ‘mixed marriages’ do not result in ‘superhuman’ offspring
  - c. ‘Angelic beings’
    - i. “Angels do not marry” (Mark 12:25)
    - ii. They did not ‘marry’, they simply mated
  - d. Is such a thing possible? We do not know much about the nature of angels, but we do know:
    - i. They ‘left their proper domain and their own place of residence’ (Jude 1:6)
    - ii. This would be comparable to humans mating with animals, which God calls ‘an abomination’
    - iii. This seems to be the opinion of Jude and Peter (see 1 Peter 3:18-22, 2 Peter 2:4-9 and Jude 5-7)
3. What is our response to be?
  - a. Know God and worship him only
  - b. Do not pursue “secret knowledge and doctrines of demons” (1 Timothy 4:1)
  - c. “Walk with God” – our topic for next week