

Epic Faith and the Rational Mind
Finding Faith Among Tall Tales and a Big Boat
Genesis 6

1. There are reasons enough _____ (1-8)
 - A. Patterns of _____ among people of faith
 - a. a proclivity for _____
 - b. a penchant for _____ (Acts 15:5,10-11)
 - B. Patterns of _____ among people of learning
 - a. a proclivity for being _____
 - b. a penchant for being _____
2. There are reasons enough _____ (9-22)
 - A. The statistical improbability of _____ accounts
 - B. The presence of _____ anomalies
 - C. Epic accounts are about _____ not geology
 - D. The integrity of _____ requires it (Matthew 24:37-39)

Conclusions

1. If rationalism is about explaining God away, _____.
2. Faith in Jesus is about the _____, not the information in the head.

Connect Group Study Guide

Read Genesis 6:1-22

1. Describe what happened in verses 1-4. Who were the sons of God? Who were the daughters of men? (Reference Matthew 22:30; Hebrews 1:5)
2. What was humanity guilty of in verse 5? What was the Lord's response?
3. What distinguished Noah from others?
4. How much information did God give Noah in verses 13-21? What was Noah's response?
5. In summary, what happened in the following chapters?
6. For those of us brought up without a biblical framework, what other *tall tales* were difficult to believe?
7. What are some other *tall tales* that Christians believe that can't be supported by Scripture? What are some ways that believers unnecessarily make enemies of non-believers?
8. What is the most important part or parts of the account of Noah to believe?

Read Matthew 24:37-39

9. What does Jesus' reference to the account of Noah *say* about the account? Why do we try to make more of the account of Noah than Jesus did?
10. What are some adjustments that we might need to make in how we talk about biblical events to, or around, non-believers?