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#### Genesis 1 - 11

Even though Adam and Eve started worshiping God after the birth of their third son Seth, things go downhill until God has to destroy all His creation with a flood – except Noah and family and two of each species. The covenant/rainbow is formed between God and everything living – Yay! But it doesn't take long for man's pride to decide to build a great tower to Heaven and be famous (Chapt 11).

Prayer... Lord, thank-you for your continued patience with us flawed, frail, disobedient humans! Help us/me to stay in better touch with You and what You want! Nudge us/me along the path You want us/me to follow! In His name. Amen.

# Phyllis Halsema

## Genesis chapter 1

In the beginning, God created heaven and earth. It tells me that God created the world out of nothing... Not out of himself... But nothing!

Prayer... We praise you for your power to create out of nothing. You spoke, and it was so. You created light from darkness. We can only try to accept all the things you have made and done for us. Lord, help me to accept things I cannot change. Amen.

### Genesis chapter 2

God made Adam out of dust. That makes me wonder why didn't he make

Eve out of dust instead of Adam's rib? I believe it is more loving to have one made from your
body than it is from dust. It showed Adam that Eve was part of him, as an equal with free will.

Prayer... Lord help us to love each other as equals and trust you. Amen

### Genesis chapter 3

The first thing that got my attention was the serpent, who has thought to be Satan, temps Eve to eat the forbidden fruit. Then I thought wow, a talking serpent!. Both Adam and Eve realized they had eaten the forbidden fruit, realized they were naked and covered themselves. Then they blamed each other for their sins.

Prayer... Lord help us to know what's right and what's wrong. Just as Adam and Eve paid for their sins, we will too. Guide us to follow you and the right path. Amen.

### Genesis chapter 4

Adam and Eve's sons, Cain and Abel, were born... Showing us the destructive power of anger, violence, and jealousy between brothers. But it also shows us God's mercy and justice. The Lord came to Cain and asked him why he was angry. He told Kane, the sin is at the door, it desires to have you, but you must master it. Cain would not listen.

Prayer... Lord show us how important it is to have a real relationship with you. Help us to believe and act on what God has revealed, our heart can be changed and our lives different. Amen.

# Genesis chapter 5

If you like genealogy, you will like this chapter. Although it does tell about

sin and the consequences. This chapter brings Noah into the story of the flood, while telling about choosing people and animals for Noah to use on the ark. Enoch walked with God and it was faithful.

Prayer... Thank you, Lord for creating me in your image to try to make good choices and to stay faithful to you. Amen.

### Genesis chapter 6

God destroys wickedness. He announced the flood to destroy humanity with it. God commanded Noah to build an ark and to save his family and various living animals. Noah was a good and righteous man. Noah walked with God and did everything God wanted him to do.

Prayer... Thank you, God for the promise to never flood the Earth again. But today's life makes us wonder with all the weather changes and sinful ways that people are showing, If God might be changing his mind. Be with us and guide us to a better life and to stop the violence. Amen.

### Genesis chapter 7

At 600 years old, Noah began his journey. The flood begins. For 40 days and 40 nights the water covered the Earth. It destroyed all life on land saving only those on the ark. It was a terrible destruction of God's flood brought onto the world. The seventh day it was the completion or perfection of God's work to make the world better. Then he rested, making the seventh day a special holy day.

Prayer...Thank you for giving us a day to rest and reflect on your words. We must believe that you will never leave us as you promised. Help us to pray faithfully, whether it's out loud or silently. I know you are always there for me. Amen.

# **Genesis chapter 8**

After a year on the ark, Noah and his family finally could leave the ark.

God blesses Noah and his sons and commands them to fill the Earth. I wonder how they felt leaving the ark? Basically a New World never seen before. I can only imagine the anxiety.

Prayer... God help us to feel that anxiety and gratefulness each day as we begin and end that day. We give you the thanks and praises for each of our days on this earth. Amen.

### Genesis chapter 9

God blesses Noah and his sons telling them to have many children and fill the earth. A rainbow appears as he promised he would never flood the Earth again. Noah planted a vineyard, then drank the wine and got drunk. He does things under a cover that should not have been done with his son. Noah dies at the age of 950.

Prayer... Lord help us to understand God's creation, his covenant with people, and the consequences of sin. Let us believe in your faith and trust in your promises. Amen.

### Genesis chapter 10

This chapter mainly introduces us to Noah's sons and family. Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The chapter also says that anyone who lives in sin, cannot be a part of God's people and enter into heaven. Prayer... How horrible dear Lord to think that we can't go to heaven. Thank you for giving us Commandments to follow. Help us to follow them so we may join you in heaven. Amen.

# Genesis chapter 11

Humans build a tower to reach to the heavens... Thinking they could build the gap between heaven and earth. God responds by confusing their language. They were trying to make a name for themselves without God, trying to be independent from God.

Prayer... God, please help us to stay close to you and not stray thinking we can live a good life without you. Help us to live in harmony and let people know. They are important by our kindness and our love. Amen.

# Sylvia Vaughn

Guide me through the mysteries of Your words and open my heart to the possibilities You have instore for me. Keep me engaged and on task so I may learn to be Your disciple.

# Chapter 1

Thank You for the overwhelming love You have given to us such as the gifts of the world and life.

## Chapter 2

God's love shines over us

## **Chapter 3**

Forgive us for rebelling against you, God.

### Chapter 4

Lord, lead me to do right.

### **Chapter 5**

Blessed is our family.

#### Chapter 6

Let us find favor with God.

### Chapter 7

Follow God's commands.

### **Chapter 8**

Praise God for our blessings.

## **Chapter 9**

The rainbow is God's eternal promise

### Chapter 10

Let us reach out to everyone.

## **Chapter 11**

Keep God above us all.