

# Noah

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## Introduction

1. In a world where the doctrine of “saved by faith only,” is spreading like wildfire, it is life accounts such as Noah’s that bring a refreshing sense of reality and truth to the minds of God’s people.
2. The life of Noah is one that teaches us the true meaning of devotion and commitment.
3. It shows us how when faith and obedience is combined God is able to do great things through a single person.
4. Let us seek these things out as we consider the life of Noah.

## Discussion

### I. Who Was Noah?

- A. A righteous man in the midst of a wicked generation (Gen. 6:1-11).
  1. Though the whole world was wicked, Noah was able to keep himself separate from their influence.
  2. We should learn from this example and strive to separate ourselves from the immorality that is so popular in the world around us.
  3. Noah was also consider a preacher of righteousness according to 2 Pet. 2:5.
  4. Not only did he avoid the wickedness of the people around him. He also strove to preach to them, to allow his righteous influence to be in the world.
  5. We must also admire Noah’s ability to keep from being discouraged. He must have had great patience to be able to contusion his faithful service as long as he did in light of the circumstances.
  6. How do you supposed he was able to do it? Because of the next characteristic.
- B. Like Abel, Noah’s righteousness was accounted to him because of his faith.
  1. Hebrews 11:7: *“By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.”*
  2. As we read of the works of Noah and his obedience to the Lord let us always remember the faith that it took for him to do what he did.
  3. It was because of his faith that he was willing to uphold God’s righteousness even though everyone else was wicked through and through.
    - a. What are our tendencies?
    - b. Do we tend to morph into the same type of character as the wicked people around us, or have we determined to not compromise God’s righteous standard.
    - c. Be impressed with the strength it must have taken for Noah to last as he did!
  4. It was because of his faith that he was willing to spend 120 years building a giant ark (the size of three football fields) in the sight of that wicked generation, while there is no sign of a flood in sight.
- C. Obedience: It was because of his faith that He was willing to obey the word of God exactly as it was given to him. Notice:
  1. *“Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God”* (Rom. 10:17). What did the word of God say?

2. *“Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. And this is how you shall make it...” (Gen. 6:14-15a).*
3. We are told in 6:22 just how well Noah followed God’s directions: *“Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.”*
4. Noah did not make excuses, nor did he try to do things his own way. He did not fall into the trap that so many have fallen into by saying, “God doesn’t care how we serve Him, as long as we are serving Him.”
5. He did not lose focus of the task that God had given him. Many churches today have lost their focuses, for their efforts are no longer directed at saving souls, but at doing other things. Noah did not do this.
6. He stayed on track for 120 years and he accomplished the work God had given him to do.
7. Let us consider again the attitude attributed to his faith and obedience: *“By faith Noah...moved with godly fear...” (Heb. 11:7).*
8. Do you move with godly fear are you strive to serve God in your life? If so, then you will reflect the same faith and obedience as Noah.

**II. “Noah became the vital link to God’s plan of saving man.**

- A. Because of his character he and his family were saved from the flood.
- B. He shows us the kind of character God expects of those who will be saved today.
- C. Physically, from his seed came the Christ.
- D. But one thing that we must take special note to is the parallel Peter makes in 1 Peter 3:18-22.
  1. Gospel was preached (see 2 Pet. 2:5).
  2. Many people were destroyed because they did not heed the word that was preached.
  3. But Noah and his family believed the word of God and Noah moved with godly fear.
  4. As a result, he built the ark as he was commanded by God.
  5. Peter goes on to say that there is a parallel today, an anti type.
  6. God does not ask us to spend 120 years building an ark, but He does command us to believe in the gospel that is preached. When we do then we then can be saved in water just as Noah was in the flood.
  7. That is to say, we can be baptized.
  8. Notice: Noah’s building an ark did not save him, but the power of God.
  9. So it is with baptism. The water does not save us, but the power of God on account of our faith and obedience (see Col. 2:12).
  10. And that power comes to us on account of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**Conclusion**

1. Are there any here who desire the salvation offered to us by God?
2. Noah shows us how to have the courage and the devotion to God to receive salvation God’s way.

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