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Noah Found Favor With God (Genesis 6:9)

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The Bible speaks of eternity past, the primitive history of humanity. However, the challenges of our vertical relationships with God and horizontal relationships with others are similar. We can learn from those early accounts and the impacts leaders have. The wisdom gained shapes our lives and our future into eternity. Can you share how wisdom gained from another's experience empowered you?

INTRODUCTION

Noah is listed as 8th in the generations from Adam. His name means peace and comfort. Noah's parents had hoped that this son would bring relief from the hard life of working the ground. God had expelled mankind from the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:19) and limited the number of years of their lives. Genesis, Chapter six lists the names of those representing each generation, ending the paragraphs with the statement "and he died." The exception was Enoch, grandfather of Noah, who walked many years with God and then disappeared (Genesis 5:24) (1Thessalonians 4:16-17, 5:10). **Can you describe what "walking with God" means?**

THE LORD WAS GRIEVED

Genesis 6:5-8 The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The LORD was grieved that He had made man on the earth, and His heart was filled with pain. So the LORD said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth- men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air- for I am grieved that I have made them." (NIV)

Have you been grieved by someone that you helped, even in a small way, and they disappointed you?

THE ACCOUNT OF NOAH

Genesis 6:9 Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.

Noah was righteous. He believed God and his faith was credited as righteousness, right with God (Hebrews 11:6-7). **What does this look like in action?** Noah was blameless, set apart from those of his day (Genesis 6:5). **How is this exhibited today?** Noah walked with God: **He had a model (Gen 5:21-24).**

GOD COMMISSIONED NOAH

Genesis 6:14 "Make yourself an Ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark and cover it with pitch inside and outside." (CSB)

Noah was given the building plans as well as the reasons for the project (Genesis 6:14-17). It is apparent that Noah shared the purpose with his family and their neighbors. **Have you worked a project that was directed by God? Have you shared God's plans with others in your circle?**

GOD'S COVENANT

Genesis 6:18-17 "I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark – you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creature, male and female, to keep them alive with you." (NIV)

God sent the animals and critters two by two with their mates. Note that the size of the ark was equivalent to fifty-five railroad box cars! The neighborhood people certainly watched all this activity over the 120-year period. **What has been the reaction of others who saw your concern for the future of those in your care?**

THE FLOOD AND GOD'S COVENANT WITH MANKIND

Genesis 9:14-15 "I have set my rainbow in the Clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between Me and you and every living creature with you for all generations." (NIV)

Jesus compared the end days of His return to earth & judgment (Rev 20:12) to the days of Noah. Grace is the ark, saving us from God's wrath (Matt 24:37-39).

A PRAYER

Almighty God: Thank You for sending Jesus to pay my sin debt, giving me the faith to bypass eternal judgment as promised (John 3:16). I pray in His Name. Amen!