The Days Of Noah Part 2: Grace Of God

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Text: Genesis 6:8-9; Hebrews 11:7

### Intro

1. Matthew 24:36-39: Jesus compared the days of Noah to the last days & His return:
   1. Marriage abused (Gen. 6:2) – Is abused today as well!
   2. The word of God was rejected (Gen. 6:3) – Is rejected today!
   3. The wicked ruled (Gen. 6:4) –Those in authority act wickedly today!
   4. Sin conquered (Gen. 6:5) – Wickedness is rampant today as well!
   5. Violence prevailed (Gen. 6:11, 13) – The world today: violence as a means to an end!
   6. Men were corrupt (Gen. 6:12) – Mankind today no different!
   7. Few were righteous (Gen. 7:1, 7) – No different today! (Matthew 7:13-14)
2. Genesis 6:8-9: Noah was righteous among the wicked – found favor in the eyes of God!
   1. Saints are to be lights in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation – Phil. 2:14-16
3. Noah is a reminder that one can be a light in the darkness and walk with God!

#### Noah Obeyed God (Hebrews 11:7)

* 1. Gen. 6:8-9: To be righteous, one must be obedient – Noah found favor with God
     1. He stood out from the wicked of the world (Gen. 6:5-7) – walked with God!
     2. Heb. 11:7: “Heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.”
  2. Noah’s expression of faith – Obedience!
     1. Heb. 11:7: “In reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household.”
     2. Noah followed directions:
        1. *Gen. 6:14-16:* The dimensions he was to build the ark.
     3. He built the ark (if cubits were 18” as in some parts of the ancient world):
        1. L: 450’; W: 75’; H: 45’; Time: 120 years (Gen. 6:3)
        2. He was faithful in all things – Gen. 6:22; 7:5
  3. Noah was given a difficult task and overcame – Gen. 6:14-16 – Consider:
     1. RMS Titanic:
        1. L: 882’ 9”; W: 92’; H: 59’ (175’ overall); Time: 3 years (03/31/1909-03/31/1912)
     2. USS Nimitz (USS Ronald Reagan – 3yrs: 02/12/1998-03/04/2001)
        1. L: 1092’; W: 252’ (flight deck); H: 134’ (above water line); Time: 5 years (06/22/1968-05/13/1972)
     3. RMS Queen Mary 2
        1. L: 1132’; W: 147’; H: 236’; Time: 1.5 years (07/04/2002-12/23/2003)
     4. Ships twice the size of Noah’s can be done in 1-5 years, and he worked on the ark for 120 years (if the 120 years of Gen. 6:3 is the length of time till the flood)!
  4. His good example condemned those who were wicked in the world
     1. Heb. 11:7: “He condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.” (Same as our faith ought to be – Phil. 2:14-16)
  5. His faith was an obedient faith – caused him to do the will of the Lord!

#### God Cared For Noah (Genesis 6:8)

* 1. Noah was favored by God – Gen. 6:8 (NKJ: “grace”) – In the midst of darkness there was a light!
     1. *Gen. 6:5:* “The wickedness of man was great on the earth.”
     2. *6:5:* “Every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”
     3. *6:11-12:* “Was corrupt.”
     4. *6:11, 13:* “Filled with violence.”
     5. *Gen. 6:6:* So bad that “The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.”
     6. He revealed His plan to destroy the world and gave Noah the means for protection *(Gen. 6:13-17; I Pet. 3:20-21) – God has revealed His plan to destroy the world with fire and gave mankind the means to be saved! (II Pet. 3:10-12)*
     7. When the flood came, God protected Noah and his family with the ark!
  2. God kept His promises to Noah and gave even more!
     1. A Covenant (of safety) – Gen. 6:18: God said He would make a covenant with Noah, and that Noah’s family would be kept safe from the flood.
     2. A Promise – Gen. 9:8-13: God promised to never again destroy the earth by flood (Rainbow as sign of His promise that still extends to this day!)
  3. God cares for those who obey Him and has prepared an eternal home:
     1. Rev. 21:3-7: Heaven is prepared for those “who overcome.”
  4. God notices the lights in the world and promises to reward them for all eternity!

#### Noah Thanked God (Genesis 8:18-20)

* 1. After spending a year and 10 days on board the ark (Gen. 7:11; 8:14), Noah, his family, and all the animals left the ark and walked on dry ground!
     1. Gen. 8:18-20: Noah built altars and gave thanks to God.
  2. God was pleased with Noah’s offerings (Gen. 8:21-22).
     1. It was after this that God first declared He would not destroy the earth by flood.
     2. Noah obeyed the commands of God, God took care of Noah, and Noah gave thanks!
  3. How often do we give thanks?
  4. God has given us the best of Heaven: Christ’s sacrifice.
  5. When we are obedient to Him we have the promise of heaven as reward.
  6. As His children we can go to Him in prayer and know He hears us *(I Jn. 5:14).*
  7. Col. 3:17: We are to give thanks to God through Christ!
  8. God was pleased with Noah’s sacrifices and blessed him beyond what He said He would.
     1. Eph. 2:4-8: God shows the “surpassing riches of His grace in kindness” to those who are obedient to Christ *(Heb. 5:9).*
     2. Eph. 3:20-21: God is able to do “far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think.”
  9. We should have the attitude of thankfulness for all that God has done for us!

## Conclusion

1. Heb. 11:7: “In reverence…” (NKJV: “Moved with godly fear…”)
   1. It was Noah’s genuine faith in God that caused him to obey (found favor with God).
2. I Pet. 3:20: Noah had to exhibit great patience to build the ark for 120 years (Gen. 6:3) while preaching to a wicked, unrepentant audience!
3. God told Noah judgment was coming and to prepare, so we are warned to be prepared!
   1. He gave the people of Noah’s day 120 years to repent – the ark saved!
   2. He has given us an undetermined time and said, “Be ready” (Mt. 24:36-37, 42).
   3. Jesus saves! In His name alone is found salvation! (John 14:6; Acts 4:10-12)
   4. II Pet. 3:7, 10-12: God revealed the fiery judgment and said, “Be ready.”
   5. Baptism saves! (I Pet. 3:21: Baptism is an act of obedient faith – *Js. 2:14-26)*
4. Are you prepared? We are to be found in contrast to the people in the days of Noah – Mt. 24:37
5. Noah found grace with God by his obedience in a wicked world – Let your light shine the grace of God on the dark world around you!
6. Whatever your needs (baptism, prayers), make them known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!