

Noah Found Favor

TEXT: Genesis 6:8

INTRODUCTION:

- A. GOD PREPARES TO DESTROY THE WORLD(**Gen. 6:5-7**).
- B. BUT GOD FINDS ONE MAN THAT IS WORTH SAVING(**Gen. 6:8**).
- C. WHY DID NOAH FIND FAVOR? WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM NOAH?

I. WHY NOAH FOUND GRACE IN THE EYES OF THE LORD.

- A. HE WAS A **JUST**(**KJV**) MAN(**Gen. 6:9**). Righteous(**ASV**).
- B. HE WAS "**PERFECT** IN HIS GENERATIONS"(**Gen. 6:9**). Blameless(**NASV**).
 - 1. Not that he was sinless, but that there were no blatant faults
 - 2. He was a man of moral integrity among the people
- C. HE "**WALKED WITH GOD**"(**Gen. 6:9**).
 - 1. In walking with God, he imitated the example of Enoch(**Gen. 5:24**).
 - 2. Walking with God in Noah's case likely involved...
 - a. Calling upon the name of the Lord(**Gen. 4:26**). Faith & Trust.
 - b. Offering sacrifices to God(**Gen. 4:3-4**). Obedience.
- D. HE "**DID** ACCORDING TO **ALL** THAT THE LORD **COMMANDED** HIM."
 - 1. Twice this is emphasized in the Scriptures(**Gen. 6:22; 7:5**).
 - 2. This obedience of Noah came from faith(**Heb. 11:7**).
- E. HE WAS "A **PREACHER** OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"(**2 Pet. 2:5**).

II. WHY WE NEED TO FIND FAVOR.

- A. NOT BECAUSE WE FACE THE THREAT OF A WORLDWIDE FLOOD.
 - 1. God's promise not to destroy the world by flood(**Gen. 9:8-11**).
 - 2. The rainbow is a constant reminder of God's promise(**Gen 9:12-17**).
- B. BUT BECAUSE WE FACE THE PROMISE OF THE END OF THE WORLD!
 - 1. The world shall be destroyed by fire when Jesus returns!(**2 Pet. 3:3-13**).
 - 2. In view of this we must be without spot and blameless(**2 Pet. 3:14**).
 - 3. Is this not simply another way of saying that we need to be like Noah.
 - 4. Otherwise, we will be like those left outside of the ark when the floods came!

III. HOW WE CAN FIND GRACE IN THE EYES OF THE LORD.

- A. WE MUST BE "**JUST**" IN HIS SIGHT.
 - 1. God expects righteousness behavior(**Rom. 2:13; 1 Pet 3:12; Rev 22:11; Acts 10:35; 1 John 2:29; 3:7-10**).
 - 2. **Romans 3:23**. But we all sin!
 - 3. Justified through forgiveness(**Rom. 5:8-9; 1 John 2:1-2; 1:6-7**).
 - 4. Justified, we have peace with God(**Rom. 5:1**).
- B. WE MUST BE "**PERFECT**" IN OUR GENERATION.
 - 1. That is, to be complete, mature, to be everything God desires of us
 - 2. God has provided the necessary elements for us to be "perfect!"
 - a. The blood of Christ, to cleanse us of our sins(**1 John 1:7-9**).
 - b. The Word of God, to guide us to completion(**2 Tim. 3:16-17**).
- C. WE MUST "**WALK WITH GOD**".
 - 1. We can "no longer walk as the Gentiles walk..."(**Eph. 4:17-20**).
 - 2. It requires we be "followers of God as dear children"(**Eph. 5:1 KJV**)
 - a. "Walk in love"(**Eph. 5:2**).
 - b. "As children of light", exposing the sins of darkness(**Eph. 5:8-11**).
 - c. "As wise", understanding of what the Lord's will is(**Eph. 5:15-17**).
- D. WE MUST "**DO ALL THAT THE LORD HAS COMMANDED**".
 - 1. Observing not just "some" things, but "all" things(**Matt. 28:20**).
 - 2. We demonstrate our faith to be "a living faith"(**James 2:17, 24, 26**).
- E. WE MUST BE "**PREACHERS** OF RIGHTEOUSNESS"
 - 1. Christians are lights in a dark world(**Phil. 2:14-16**).
 - 2. We have in us the light of the gospel(**2 Cor. 4:3-6**).
 - 3. Our influence(**Matt. 5:14-16**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. GOD WANT NONE TO PERISH(**2 Pet. 3:9**).
- B. REPENTANCE IS DESIRED OF US(**Acts 17:30-31**).
- C. IF WE WILL TURN TO GOD WE WILL FIND FAVOR!