

# 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!