

THE FAMILY THAT FOUND GRACE GENESIS 6

Text:

Introduction:

We have here an unusual story of an unusual family. Noah lived in a day of terrible wickedness, but was able to survive the storm. I believe there at least three reasons why Noah was able to survive the storm. And we need tonight to apply these three things to our lives as well.

I'm aware that Noah lived thousands of years ago. I am aware that this culture is different, civilizations have come and gone, cultures have risen and fallen; fads and fashions, men and machines have changed the way we live. But one thing is exactly as it was in Noah's day the heart of mankind. Hearts are the same. I know God wants your head, but if God gets your heart, He has all of you. It all begins with the heart.

1. Noah's Family Refused to Be Like the World

A. Noah lived in a very wicked day.

(Gen 6:5 KJV) And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

B. But Noah found grace in God's eyes.

(Gen 6:8 KJV) But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

1. Why is it that Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord?

a. Noah was an example to his family.

i. It all starts with the dad.

ii. Don't expect the pastor or the Sunday School teacher to give you and your family all that you need spiritually.

Illustration: Don't try to warn your children of the dangers of cocaine, while you are sipping on a beer.

iii. Mom must be an example as well.

b. Noah was a just man.

(Gen 6:8-9 KJV) But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. {9} These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

c. Noah walked with God.

Noah was able to survive the flood because they refused to be like the world.

2. What Is The Christian's Relationship To The World?

A. Christians should not love the world.

(1 John 2:15-17 KJV) Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. {16} For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. {17} And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

B. Christians are not to conform to this world's system.

(Rom 12:1-2 KJV) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. {2} And be not conformed to this

world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

(Rom 8:29 KJV) For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

1. It is our reasonable service to surrender ourselves, dedicate ourselves, and commit ourselves to Him.

C. Christians should not be overcome by the world.

(John 16:33 KJV) These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

(Rom 12:21 KJV) Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

(1 John 4:4 KJV) Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Noah was able to survive the flood because they refused to be like the world.

3. Noah's Family Cooperated in Family Togetherness.

A. This again must start with the Father.

(Gen 6:22 KJV) Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

1. Togetherness begins at the head of the home.

Notice:

1. They went into the ark together.

(Gen 7:7 KJV) And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

a. It is a wonderful thing to see families serving the Lord together.

b. It is a wonderful thing to see families sitting together in church.

2. They exited the ark together.

(Gen 8:18 KJV) And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:

3. They built an altar together and worship the Lord together.

(Gen 8:20 KJV) And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

4. They enjoyed God's blessings together.

(Gen 9:1 KJV) And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

Noah escaped the flood because they refused to be like the world, and they did things together as a family.

4. Noah Family Found Refuge In The Ark.

The rains fell, the fountains of the deep were broken up, the waters rose, and Noah and his family went into the ark as God had commanded. god does not require sinless perfection, but he does demand personal righteousness.

A. Three principles for us.

1. God requires obedience.

(Gen 6:22 KJV) Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

(Gen 9:1 KJV) And God blessed Noah and his sons, ...

2. God remembers the family that trusts in Him.

(Gen 8:1 KJV) And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged;

3. God rejoices when families worship Him as a Family.

(Gen 8:20-21 KJV) And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. {21} And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

5. God's Survival Kit for the Family

A. ENTER the ark of safety in Jesus Christ.

No family can survive without Jesus Christ.

B. MAINTAIN family worship.

C. OPERATE your home on biblical principles.

No family can survive without the Bible.

D. SEPARATE yourself from the evils of this world's system.

No family can survive without godly living.

E. COOPERATE in building family togetherness.

Close:

God want you to survive the storm that is threatening your family. If it is a storm of temptation, materialism or neglect; if it is a storm of carelessness: whatever it may be, God wants your family to survive the storm.

God has proven His concern in the Person of His Son Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the writing of His Word. God has already proven to you that he wants you to survive the storm.

We all must do our part.