

Series: Stand Fast In the Lord

# NOAH FOUND GRACE IN THE EYES OF THE LORD

## GENESIS 6:1-13

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Introduction:

When they think of Noah, people always remember his work on the ark.

They see that as his greatest achievement.

Now, we look at men like Noah and say, “Well, of course he was a success, after all he was Noah!”

But, remember:

- He raised his family during a time of extreme wickedness - 6:5.

### **Genesis 6:5**

*<sup>5</sup> 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.*

- He raised his family during a time of extreme violence - 6:11.

### **Genesis 6:11**

*<sup>11</sup> The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.*

- He raised his family during a time when God and His ways were being ignored - 6:12.

### **Genesis 6:12**

*<sup>12</sup> And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.*

- He raised his family against the backdrop of the impending judgment of God - 6:17.

### **Genesis 6:17**

*<sup>17</sup> And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.*

Noah raised his family during an exceedingly difficult time, yet in spite of all this, Noah made certain achievements that identify him as a successful.

# 1. NOAH WALKED WITH GOD

## **Genesis 6:8-9**

*<sup>8</sup> But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. <sup>9</sup> These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.*

### A. Noah Was A Converted Man

Two words give a clue as to where Noah stood with the Lord:

Grace = the unmerited love and favor of God for sinners.

Grace shows us our sins and provides us with the faith to turn to God for salvation.

Just = Just refers to our standing before God. To be just means to be right with God, to be right in His sight.

### B. Noah Was A Consecrated Man

The Bible says that Noah was “perfect”.

This word means “upright”.

This carries the idea that not only did Noah claim a relationship with the Lord, but he lived out a relationship with the Lord as well.

It's one thing to talk about being saved and loving the Lord, it is quite another thing to actually live out that claim every day.

### C. Noah Was A Consistent Man

Noah "walked with God".

The idea here is of a consistent walk with the Lord. He wasn't hot and cold, up and down and in and out, he just walked with the Lord day by day.

I am sure there were days when Noah "felt" better about things than he did on other days, but when it was all averaged out, he just walked consistently with God.

## 2. NOAH WITNESSED TO OTHERS

### **2 Peter 2:5**

*<sup>5</sup>And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*

This means that while he was building the ark, he was telling a lost world that the end was coming.

He was telling them about a way of escape.

Notice here how Noah witnessed:

A. Noah Witnessed Through His Conduct

Look at what the Bible says about the people around Noah in that society, Gen. 6:5, 12-13.

**Genesis 6:5**

*<sup>5</sup> 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.*

**Genesis 6:12-13**

*<sup>12</sup> And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. <sup>13</sup> And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.*

Now look what the Bible says about Noah:

**Genesis 6:9**

*<sup>9</sup> These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.*

He was so different from the people around him that his very life was a living, breathing witness to every lost soul that saw him.

## B. Noah Witnessed Through His Conversation

While Noah lived right and worked for the Lord, he also took the time to open his mouth to tell others about what the Lord was about to do.

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## C. Noah Witnessed Through His Commitment

For 120 years, Noah worked and preached. After all that effort, the only converts he had were the members of his own family.

Surely he became discouraged and frustrated, but he stayed the course and maintained his commitment to the Lord.

Not only did Noah Walk With God, and Witnessed to Others but also:

### 3. NOAH WON HIS FAMILY

Noah's walk and witness are great things but the greatest achievement was this: He won his family.

#### A. He Won Their Respect

##### **Genesis 6:18**

*<sup>18</sup> But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.*

##### **Genesis 7:7**

*<sup>7</sup> 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.*

You will also notice that when God spoke He only spoke to Noah, yet, then it was time to enter the ark, his sons and their wives followed him in.

Why?

I think the answer is this: they believed in what he believed in because they believed in him!

His family knew that Noah's walk with the Lord was real and they respected him for the man he was!

## B. He Won Their Response

### ***Genesis 7:7***

*<sup>7</sup>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.*

They followed Noah into the ark!

Then, when the rains fell and the rest of the world perished, they were saved.

I would submit to you that the greatest accomplishment of the life of this great man was the fact that he was able to see his children saved.

When all is said and done, will your children follow your faith?

I know that their decision is purely between them and the Lord. But, I also know that they may base what they do on what they see in your life!

Close:



Noah walked with God, witnessed to his family and others as well, and he won his family.