

Noah
(Lesson 1)
Genesis 6:7-9
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from Noah.

- Intro:
1. When you hear Noah you think of the ark & the flood.
 2. Noah was much more than a builder of an ark.
 3. Today, we will take a closer look and see WHY he was the builder of the ark.

I. Noah was a righteous man (**Gen 6:8**)

A. What does it mean that “Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.”

1. Grace in this verse can also be translated favor.
2. Thus Noah, found favor in the eyes of God.
 - a. Noah’s life was a life that God was pleased with, thus he found grace in the sight of God.
 - b. Thus is a result of Godly influences; faithfulness was not an uncommon trait on Noah’s family. His great-grandfather was Enoch, a man who didn’t see death because God “took” him (**Gen 5:23-24**).

B. The Name Noah

1. The Name Noah means “rest”. No doubt this could be applied to the rest supplied in the ark because of the grace Noah found in the eyes of the Lord (**Gen 6:8**).
2. Noah, son of Lamech, father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth; builder of the ark, became the head of mankind because his family were the only survivors of the flood.
 - a. **Hebrews 11:7**

II. Noah was perfect or blameless in his generations

A. Faithfulness in a hostile environment (**Gen 6:11-12**)

1. Noah’s world wasn’t that different from ours.
2. Sin, rebellion, and violence were common place.

B. Noah’s faithfulness remained. (**Gen 6:9a**)

1. Noah lived blamelessly during his time (Gen 6:9a). The word “generations” here is a reference to the time period in which he lived.
2. Just as Moses was unable to enter the promise land of Canaan because of disobedience; it is certain that Noah would not have entered the ark if he was disobedient (**Numbers 20:12**).
3. Noah walked with God (**Gen 6:9b**)
 - a. Noah was a man who did as God commanded. Thus He “walked with God”. That is to say in walk in God’s ways & commands. He followed God’s will and not his own or man’s in general. We must remember Noah lived in a very wicked time.
 - b. Noah is recorded as a faithful man by God Himself (**Ezk 14:13-14**).

III. Noah was chosen by God.

A. Why was Noah God's chosen builder (**Gen 6:13-14a**)

1. As we have already seen, he was a godly man.
2. Only godly men would be chosen for such a position.
 - a. It was this way in Noah's time and is still such today.

B. Noah did as commanded (**Gen 6:22**)

1. Noah was faithful thus it was a privilege to be God's builder.
 - a. It wasn't just a task to complete, it was a task that would save mankind.
 - b. The faithfulness of Noah and his family made it possible for man to continue.
2. Noah was a worker & a preacher.
 - a. **2 Peter 2:5**

Application & Conclusion:

1. Noah was a man who obeyed the Lord, and was faithful in the midst of wickedness (**Gen 6:11**)
2. Seeing Noah's courage and faith should inspire us to greater faith as well (**Heb 11:7**).
 - a. Noah & his family were delivered from a world filled with wickedness. The Christian today will one day be delivered from such also.
3. Full Invitation

God's plan for the alien sinner

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Luke 13:3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – Rev 2:10,

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9