

## “But Noah Found Grace In The Sight Of The Lord”

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Introduction: Genesis 6:8

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1. Genesis 6:5-7 –we read of God’s displeasure with the world and its wickedness  
Then the LORD<sup>[a]</sup> saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. <sup>6</sup>  
And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. <sup>7</sup> So the LORD said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.”
2. But as God pronounces judgment upon the world, and prepares to destroy it with a flood, we find encouraging words finding one man.
3. Noah found grace in God’s sight. He found favor in God’s sight that resulted in saving him and his family from the flood!
  - a. But why Noah?
  - b. Why did Noah find grace in the sight of the Lord?
  - c. How do we find grace in God’s sight today, and apply it to our lives?

### 1. Why Noah Found Grace In The Eyes Of The Lord.

- a. Genesis 6:9- He was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.[Genesis 5:24]  
Genesis 6:9 - *This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.*  
Genesis 5:24 - *And Enoch walked with God; and he *was* not, for God took him.*
- b. Noah did to all that God commanded him.[Genesis 7:5; Hebrews 11:7]  
Genesis 7:5 – *And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him.*

Hebrews 11:7 - By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

- c. Noah and his household only found grace in the eyes of the Lord. What about ourselves? Is there a need for us to find “grace in the eyes of the Lord” today? Yes!

## 2. Why We Need to Find Grace In The Eyes Of The Lord

- a. Not Because We Face The Threat Of A Worldwide Flood

1. After Noah and his family were saved from the flood, God promised He would never again destroy the world in such a manner-[Genesis 9:8-11]

Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying: <sup>9</sup> “And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants<sup>[a]</sup> after you, <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that *is* with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup> Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

2. The rainbow is a constant reminder of God’s promise-[Genesis 9:12-17]

And God said: “This *is* the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations: <sup>13</sup> I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; <sup>15</sup> and I will remember My covenant which *is* between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup> The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* on the earth.” <sup>17</sup> And God said to Noah, “This *is* the sign of the covenant

which I have established between Me and all flesh that *is* on the earth.”

b. But Because We Face The Promise Of The End Of The World.

1. 2 Peter 3:3-13- Peter reminds us that just as the world was destroyed by water, so it shall be destroyed by fire when Jesus returns!

3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, <sup>4</sup> and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation.” <sup>5</sup> For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, <sup>6</sup> by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. <sup>7</sup> But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. <sup>8</sup> But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, <sup>[a]</sup> not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. <sup>[b]</sup> <sup>11</sup> Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, <sup>12</sup> looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? <sup>13</sup> Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

4 In view of this promise, Peter calls upon us to “be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless.”

5 Like Noah, we need to find grace in the eyes of the Lord when the world ends.

6 Using Noah as an example, then consider how we can also find grace in the eyes of the Lord.

c. How Can We Find Grace In The Eyes Of The Lord?

1. We must be “just” in His sight-[Romans 5:1, 8-9; Romans 8:1; 1 Corinthians 6:11]

Romans 5:1 -Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have<sup>[a]</sup> peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

Romans 5:8-9: But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Romans 8:1 - *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,<sup>[a]</sup> who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

I Corinthians 6:11 - *And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.*

2. We must be perfect in our generation- [1 John 1:7-9]

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

3. We must walk with God- [Ephesians 5:8-11; 1 John 1:7]

Ephesians 5:8-11: For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the Spirit<sup>[a]</sup> is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), <sup>10</sup> finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*.

I John 1:7 - <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

d. We must do all that God has commanded.[Genesis 6:22-7:1]

Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

Then the LORD said to Noah, “Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen *that you are* righteous before Me in this generation.

1. Observing not just some things, but all things- [Matthew 28:18-20]

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore<sup>[a]</sup> and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*” Amen.<sup>[b]</sup>

2. We must have a active, and obedient faith.-[Hebrews 5:9; James 2:26]

Hebrews 5:9 - And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

James 2:26 - <sup>26</sup> For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

e. Like Noah, we must be “preachers” of righteousness”-[2 Peter 2:5; Romans 12:1-2]

II Peter 2:5 – and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

Romans 12:1-2: I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

**Invitation:** God does not want anyone to perish, but just like in the days of Noah has commanded all people to repent-Acts 17:30-31;2 Peter 3:9; 1 Peter 3:20-21. If you have not repented of your sins and been baptized for the forgiveness of your sins won't you find grace in the eyes of the Lord today? [Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16, and then look forward to being with the Lord.[2 Peter 3:14]

Acts 17:30-31: Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,<sup>31</sup> because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

II Peter 3:9 – The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us,<sup>[a]</sup> not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance

I Peter 3:20-21: who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited<sup>[a]</sup> in the days of Noah, while *the* ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.<sup>21</sup> There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Acts 2:38 – Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16 – And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

II Peter 3:14 - Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;