



Lesson 5

Noah: The Righteous Man

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 6: 9-10

OBJECTIVE: Christians should think about their daily activities in order to make spiritual choices and every thought to be considered a spiritual thought.

Introduction: Why Not Noah?

When great men of the Bible are mentioned, Noah does not receive his just due. Therefore, we need to pause and recognize this great man of God who lived a noble life.

Why is it that Noah is not referred to as some of the other great men of the Bible, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, and Paul?

Is it that unlike the other great mentioned, the Bible says Noah was righteous and blameless? The other men had noticeable personality and character flaws. Could it be that when we think of Noah, we have to think about being righteous in our lifestyle?

Noah's Background

1. Noah, when we first hear of him, he is 500 years old, Genesis 5:32
2. He is the father of: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
3. His great-grandfather was Enoch, a man who walked with God, Genesis 5:22-24
4. His grandfather was Methuselah, who has the longest life span of a man, Genesis 5:25-27
5. His father Lamech, was a religious man, Genesis 5:29
6. His father named him Noah, which means "rest," Genesis 5:29

We can conclude that Noah had a religious background. It is important for a young person to grow up in a religious spiritual home, to be given a good start in life to help them discover their God-given purpose.

READ Genesis 6: 8-9

Verse 8 says "Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord." Consider in Noah's day, the spiritual climate was immoral and reckless.

1. **Genesis 6:1-2** – The population was expanding, and men made unwise and nonspiritual choices when making decisions about marriage.
2. **Genesis 6:3** – The people were fleshly, which means any thoughts about life, were determined by natural feelings and not spiritual promptings.
3. **Genesis 6:5** – The people were wicked, and their every thought was evil.

In other words, the land was corrupt and God removed His Spirit from the people.

LESSON IDEAS

QUESTION: How did Noah survive in this demoralizing ungodly spiritual climate?

I. Make a Conscience Choice to Be Righteous

1. Psalm 37:39 – Righteousness is a believer’s salvation; righteousness gives the believer spiritual strength.
2. Exodus 9:27, God is righteous, therefore, His followers should strive for nothing other than righteousness.
3. Deuteronomy 4:29-30 – Righteousness absolutely requires obedience. Obedience means to listen and as believers we listen to the voice of God.

When a believer is desiring to make a spiritual choice, it requires meditating on God’s word, desiring to do the right thing in the decision-making, and listening for spiritual promptings from the Holy Spirit.

II. Develop Godly Characteristics

If we are going to be like Noah and walk as a righteous person, we need to understand what that looks like for a believer. Consider the following characteristics of a righteous person.

1. Gracious - Psalms 37:21
2. Generous - Psalms 37:21; Proverbs 21:26
3. Never forsaken or without sustenance - Psalms 37:25
4. Wise in speech - Psalms 37:30; Proverbs 10:11
5. Thankful - Psalms 140:13
6. Teachable - Proverbs 9:9
7. Source of blessing - Proverbs 11:10; 20:17
8. Fruitful - Proverbs 11:30
9. Content - Proverbs 13:25
10. Have wealth - Proverbs 15:6
11. Ponder their answers - Proverbs 15:28
12. Care for the poor - Proverbs 29:7
13. Live by faith - Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38
14. Serve the Lord - Malachi 3:18
15. Pray effectively - James 5:16
16. Practice righteousness - 1 John 3:7; Revelation 22:11

QUESTION: Among this list, where do you need to make spiritual improvements, in your walk with God?

III. Find Favor With God, vs. 8

Mary was someone who found favor with God, Luke 1:30

QUESTION: Do you want to be a person that finds favor with God?

DEFINITION: Favor is the supernatural blessings of God. It is God noticing you among all others, and He singularly chooses to bless you. Favor is preferential treatment from God.

EXAMPLE: Ruth 2:10 – Boaz let Ruth glean in his field as a Moabite and as a stranger. He allowed her from off the street to come in and be exposed to all the other rights and privileges that other servants experienced.

Favor is you receiving the house that has been on the market for two years. Others have tried to purchase that house, but for whatever the reason their paperwork didn't go through, they were denied. However, when you submit your paperwork everything goes through just fine. Why? It is God's favor!

Favor has a lot to do with your purpose and fulfilling your calling. To truly serve the Lord, it requires discipline. Discipline means focusing your heart and your mind on the Word of God and allowing the Word to be a light to your pathway.

Favor means you take responsibility for every action you make. This is where discipline must be active in your life. Because success is a result of discipline, the blessings that God provides is a result of you being a person who is responsible to the call of God on your life. If you are serious about the Will of God and the vision for your life, it will determine your discipline because purpose brings discipline.

CONCLUSION

As a result of the sincerity to the Will of God and to do right, God provides blessings, which results in favor.