



“NOAH – sin after the Flood.”

The saddest words in the Bible besides “Depart from Me I never knew you” is found in **Genesis 6:6** – *“And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.”*

- I do not want God to ever say this about me or my life. I don’t want God to ever say this about anyone that I know or the church.
- How do we make sure that we never put God in this position ever again in our lives?

1. Hebrews 12:2 – We **KEEP our eyes fixed on Jesus who is the **AUTHOR** and **FINISHER** of our faith!**

- Noah was in a flood! He saw water like no one has ever seen! He did not drown because he loved God, honored God and did what was right in God’s eyes! God rescued Noah’s family, yet the rest of humanity drown!
- *“You do not drown because you **FALL** into the water; you drown because you **STAY** there!”*
- People drown because they **STAYED** in sin! They refused to repent! They had 120 years, and ignored it each day!
- People’s decisions can *“push”* us into the water just like what happened to Noah. But you and I have the choice to either drown in that situation or be rescued by the boat!
- Last Sunday, we were reminded that Jesus is our Ark of Safety!
- Noah was “pushed” into his situation by all of the evil people that lived in his day. He chose to not drown, but build the boat...God’s boat! The flood was on its way!
- Instead of drowning with everyone else, Noah chose to be the lifeguard! His obedience to build the boat, and preach to his generation made him the lifeguard of his day!
- The Ark was the life preserver for his generation! The only way on? Turning to God!

2. Noah!

- Noah found Grace and Favor in the *EYES of the Lord!* (**Genesis 6:9**)
- He did what *PLEASED* the Lord, and he did *RIGHT* in God’s eyes! (**Genesis 7:1**)
- *This is ALL that MATTERS!!!!* Everything falls into place for your life, family, church and more when you live for God like this! His family was saved!
- **Acts 16:29-34!** We see where the Roman jailer turned to Paul and Silas, and asked how to be saved! When he turned to the Lord Jesus...it was a ripple effect for his family! Just like Noah living for God, and his family being impacted and saved!

- ***There is something about being righteous in God's eyes! It pays off!***
- **Righteousness** = you are in *Right Standing* with God! Not fallen away or separated!
- Jesus Christ is the bridge from God to sinful man to cross back to God!
- Like Noah...we get to lead in our generation! What an incredible responsibility!

A. Mankind had grown so evil and selfish that God Himself had pledged to destroy all mankind and flood the earth! (Genesis 6:7)

- In the middle of all of the evil and selfish living, Noah was the only one that God had as His DEPENDABLE, LOYAL and RIGHTEOUS Leader!
- **Key here** – God did not choose Noah randomly. **God saw, and knew,** that Noah was making the *right choices* to live a *right life* in His eyes! To follow His commands!
- **God is a God who sees!** Scripture after scripture proves this!
- **It is this simple:** It is all about the person who DAILY WALKS with God! Who is very close to him! Genesis 6:9
- **If you and I are going to lead right in God's eyes...**we must follow God's voice (His Word) and follow *His lead* daily by the Holy Spirit!!!
- **Noah** was a regular man who chose to do what was RIGHT in God's eyes! God SAVED him from his uncommitted, selfish and evil world in which he lived in.

The KEY for us to remember is that GOD HAS NOT CHANGED! So, if God and Noah could do what they did together for Noah's generation...you and I with God can do what is needed for this generation!

Closing: What a great man of God that Noah was! But...he did sin.

- Remember earlier when we said that Noah was pushed into his situation by others choices? We see here where Noah screws up, and pushes himself into a situation. The ripple effects are not good!
- Here you have the flood. God rescues Noah and his family. **NOAH then gets drunk, and lay naked in his tent!** Genesis 9:20-21
- **The result?** It is the first mention of drunkenness, sin, shame and curse again!
- **How fast that we forget!** God just did a huge Miracle! Noah was in the middle of it all!
- **But why? Why choose to sin? Because, the temptation that is right after a GREAT VICTORY, we let our guard down, and we CHOOSE to fall into that TEMPTATION!**
- Noah chose to get drunk, be out of control and naked!
- Ham, Noah's youngest son, did not cover his father when he saw him naked and shameful...he left him exposed in his shameful condition.
- He went, and told his brothers instead. He went, and mocked his father being drunk and naked.
- **Understand this:** It was Noah's drunkenness that started the curse in the family!
- Ham did not receive a blessing like Noah's other two sons did, and Ham's son, Canaan, would now be cursed. (Noah's grandson!) Canaan became the land of idols!
- **Why such a harsh punishment?** It is believed in historical commentaries that he may have had a perverted moment seeing his father naked, and did something unnatural.
- **Was Noah forgiven?** Hebrews 11:7. **Yes...**but, be aware BEFORE you sin.