

THE FAITH OF NOAH

Genesis 6:1-9

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- **History**
- Noah lived ten generations from Adam and Eve
- Man took wives from the daughters of men
- The earth became corrupt; God was sorry He made man
- He decided to destroy mankind by flood

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- **Who is Noah?**
- Son of Lamech (Genesis 5:28)
- Husband and father with three sons (Genesis 5:32)
- A preacher of righteousness (2 Peter 2:5)
- He found favor with God (Genesis 6:8)
- Died at 950 years old (Genesis 9:29)

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- **He was a man of high moral character (Genesis 6:8-9)**
- Righteous (*tsaddiq*) – Just, righteous in conduct and character; righteous as justified and vindicated by God (Strong).
 - Noah's character was different (Genesis 6:5-7, 12)
 - He had fear of God and respect for divine law (Genesis 6:22; 7:5)
- Perfect (*tamiym*) – Complete, whole, entire; what is complete or entirely in accord with truth and fact (Strong).
 - Noah lived an honorable life before God
 - Caveat – Perfection is not absolute (Romans 3:23)

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- **He Walked with God (Genesis 6:9)**
 - The same is said about Enoch (Genesis 5:21-24)
 - Walking with God = Well pleasing to God (Hebrews 11:5-6)
- **Application** – Noah teaches us what true godly character is, to follow God in His will and live perfectly. His walk is one we must emulate (Galatians 2:20; 2 Corinthians 5:17).

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- **He obeyed the commands of God (Genesis 6:22)**
- This defined his life (Genesis 7:5, 9, 16)
- He understood the nature of law (generic versus specific) and followed it.
 - Generic – Build an ark; he could choose his tools
 - Specific – gopher wood, dimensions, pitch, pairing of animals, etc. He could not deviate here. The direction was specific and absolute.
- **Application** – If we expect to be His faithful servants we have to obey Him (Luke 6:46; Matthew 7:21-23).

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- **He was patient (Genesis 8:13-15)**
 - 600th year, 2nd month, 17th day they enter the ark, flood begins
 - 601st year, 1st month, 1st day Noah saw dry ground
 - 2nd month, 27th day God commanded them to leave the ark
 - **Patience** – Waited an extra time before leaving the ark, he waited for God's direction.
 - **Application** - Patience is a key virtue (2 Peter 1:5-8; James 1:1-4).
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- **He acted on the unseen (Hebrews 11:7)**
 - Faith defined (Hebrews 11:1)
 - Moses did the same (Hebrews 11:24-27)
 - **Application** - We have to have faith, believe and act on what we don't see (Romans 1:18-20; John 20:24-29).
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