

## Noah Found Grace in the Eyes of the Lord

Hebrews 11:7

The story of Noah pictures how a person experiences the favor (grace) of God in this life (Gen. 6:8).

### I. A person of grace is warned by God.

Noah was *"warned of God of things not seen as yet"* (Gen. 6:1-3, 7). Likewise, a person favored by God will begin to understand that days on this earth are numbered and the unseen is coming.

A. This warning can come from the Bible you hold in your hands.

*"The soul that sinneth, it shall die!"* (Ezek. 18:20) and other verses prepare us to meet our God.

B. This warning can come from other people God places in your life.

Just like Noah's generation, there can be a proclaimer of the gospel who gets your attention.

C. This warning can come from world events or other circumstances in your life.

The warning of judgment: It is certain, just, imminent, eternal and there is a way of escape.

### II. A person of grace is moved by fear.

Noah was *"moved by fear"* (Heb. 11:7). What kind of fear was this? Noah's fear was the good kind.

*"You have not received the spirit of fear leading to bondage again, but you have received the spirit of adoption as children, whereby we cry, 'Abba, Father'"* (Romans 8:15). This spirit is God's Spirit.

A. The Spirit is the theme of Romans 8 – not man's spirit, but the Spirit of God.

B. The Spirit of fear comes first, then the Spirit of adoption.

C. The Spirit gives the *"fear of the Lord"* – which is reverence, respect and awe of the Creator.

### III. A person of grace is saved by Christ.

Noah *"prepared an ark"* (Heb. 11:7). *"Make an ark ... and cover it with pitch (atonement)"* (Gen. 6:14).

A. Christ, like the ark, is God's provision for man (all the planning and instructions come from God).

B. Christ, like the ark, is strong enough and big enough to carry all who enter.

C. Christ, like the ark, has only one door through which people may enter (faith in "Christ" alone).

D. Christ, like the ark, has no steps that lead into the entrance "in."

E. Christ, like the ark, contains every single provision for life now and after judgment.

F. Christ, like the ark, bore all the storms of God's wrath.

G. Christ, like the ark, is covered with pitch (*the same word for "atonement" in the Bible*).

H. Christ, like the ark, perfectly saves all those who are within.

### IV. A person of grace is freed by faith.

When Noah entered the ark, *"he condemned the world"* (Heb.11:7). His faith set him apart.

Those outside mocked Noah, saw no need for the ark, and ridiculed faith in Christ as puerile.

*"But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. [38] For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, [39] And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be"* (Matthew 24:37-39).

### V. A person of grace is sealed by the Spirit.

Noah *"became the heir of righteousness."* He became the heir of that righteousness represented in the ark, the righteousness of God in Christ. He believed God's Word and shared it. When your family meets you at the bar of God, will they thank God for your influence in their lives? Listen to what the Bible warns, be motivated by the thought of future judgment, place your faith in Him, and be graced.