Noah: A Character Study

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INTRODUCTION

- If you have a tagline for your life, you'd want to have what was said about Noah said about you here in Genesis chapter 6 and verse 22.
- Noah did this. He did all that God commanded him. What a wonderful thing to be said about us.

1 Noah Found Favor and Stood Out

Genesis 6:5–8; Genesis 6:9–13

- But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.
- Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.
- Even in a time where everything was evil, the thoughts of the heart were evil continually, Noah stood out.
- Doesn't that just make sense that in a time of darkness we can shine the brightest?

2 Everything Just Continued On

Genesis 6:17–18

- God spoke to him. God warned him that this was coming. Noah didn't need some series of visions.
- You knew destruction was coming, but everything just happened the same each and every day. Might I add that's not too different than what we experience?
- Life happens over and over and over. And what is the cost of that repetition?
- Perhaps is it the passion to serve God the way we should? Perhaps is it the endurance that Noah had?

3 Noah, a Preacher of Righteousness

2 Peter 2:4–9

- If he did not spare the ancient world but preserve Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly.
- Did you see what Noah was there in verse 5? He was a preacher of righteousness.
- How did he preach to people who were continually turning him down, who would not be saved despite the fact he knew the flood was coming.

4 In Reverent Fear Noah Constructed an Ark

Hebrews 11:7; Genesis 6:14–22

- Noah's faith in God pushed him through the hard parts of life.
- Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark and cover it inside and out with pitch.
- Who was Noah trusting? God. Who gave Noah the commandments of how to be saved? God. So guess who Noah obeyed? God.

- When God has outlined what we are to do, brothers and sisters, we should just do it.

5 Noah Was Righteous Before the Warning

Hebrews 11:7; Genesis 6:8

- Noah was righteous before the warning. Yes, the warning pushed Noah on.
- But Noah had a relationship with God that allowed God to see him with favor first.
- I know that I am coming to the judgment. And so what is my life like? I have been warned by God.
- Will I in reverent fear prepare, despite how long it takes?
- With what fervor would I serve God? And if that's a different level than how I am now, brothers and sisters, I have got to change.

6 Noah's Faith Worked

Hebrews 11:7; 2 Peter 2:5

- Noah's faith was not one that said, God's going to save me, so I'm going to sit by and watch. Noah's faith worked.
- By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.
- That we see people who we know are not prepared for what is coming.
- Would we not do everything we could to warn them of what was coming?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What is my charge? I need to be a light for God always. If this world is dark, all the better for me to shine my light in. If I have a long life ahead of me, all the better to serve God with.**

MY NOTES