



And the LORD Shut Noah In [Part 1]

“And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in” (Genesis 7:13-16)

Noah found Grace in the Sight of the Lord

“But Noah found grace in the sight of the Lord...Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God” (Genesis 6:8-9)

It is important to note that at a crucial time when God was going to destroy the entire earth because of sin, Noah found grace in the sight of the Lord. “And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he made man on earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD” (Genesis 6:5-8).

The question we want to ask ourselves is, what is it that Noah did to find grace in the eyes of the LORD. How did Noah position himself, what did he do to attract God’s attention in this manner? Or was it just accidental that God picked Noah up and decided that he would find grace in God’s sight? It is important we provide some answers to these posers. The answer can be found in verse 9 of Genesis Chapter 6 “.... **Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God**”. “And the Lord said to Noah, come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation” (Genesis 7:1). This is in consonance with God’s word. This is an important principle that God employs from time immemorial, and that principle hasn’t changed – “For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose **heart is perfect toward him**” (2 Chronicles 16:9).

Noah was a Just Man and He was Perfect in his Generation

This was an outstanding feat, especially when considered against the background of the lawlessness and iniquity that prevailed during Noah’s generation, yet Noah was considered by God’s own testimony that he was just and perfect. God said concerning Noah for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation (Genesis 7:1). God needed a man to consult with before bringing the entire world to destruction. God needed a man to partner with before unfolding the destruction of the whole earth. Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he

revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets (Amos 3:7). The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant (**Psalm 25:14**).

The Lord's demand on us today cannot be less than that of Noah. Can God find one man or woman in our generation today who is just and perfect in all his ways as Noah was in his days. Can we find men in our generation that God can truly confide in – for the Lord will do nothing but reveal his secrets to his servant the prophet. When the Lord God of heaven was going to visit his judgement on Sodom and Gomorrah because of their sins he consulted with Abraham “And the LORD said, shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and a mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed by him? **For I know him**, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgement; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him” (**Genesis 18:17-19**).

There is so much that is happening to the world right now. The things we are seeing and experiencing are unprecedented, they are things that are happening before our very eyes and almost have no reference in history. The Lord by His power is bringing the Nations of the world to its knees. The Lord has promised that, saying, yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also the heaven. “And this word, yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom that cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear; for our God is a consuming fire” (**Hebrews 12:27-29**).

We must emerge from these present crises by receiving from God a kingdom that cannot be moved, we must receive grace to serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. Our commitment to God our father must be total and unprecedented. God will raise men and women like Noah who lived a just life and was perfect in all his ways. It is only then that God will partner with us like he partnered with Noah and Abraham. The Lord confided in Noah what his intensions were before he took major steps in the the world. The Lord will do nothing but reveal his secret to his servants the prophet.

Noah walked with God

Apart from the fact that Noah was a just man and walked perfect in his generation, Noah also walked with God. He had a personal relationship with God that was deep, rich, and complete. He walked with God. Apart from everything that this world has to offer, we need men and women who will truly turn their backs on the things of this world and truly live in the realm of God by daily walking with God.

May God give us men and women whose goal and emphasis is to lay up treasure in heaven where no thief can approach and no moth can corrupt. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also (**Luke 12:34**). To match the crises of our times, to match the urgency of our times, God must give us men and women who will totally and absolutely set their affection on things above, not on things on earth... men and women who will totally mortify their members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: for which things cometh on the children of disobedience (**Colossians 3:2,5-6**).

“And Enoch walked with God after he begath Methusalah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: **And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him**” (**Genesis 25;22-24**).

We need in our time men who are more conversant with the things of God than with the things of men. We need men who are familiar with the ways of God and not just with the acts of God. "He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel" ([Psalm 103:7](#)). There is a difference between knowing the ways of God and knowing the acts of God. There is a wisdom of God that is spoken in mystery, it is the wisdom of God which is known only to the initiated, and God has ordained this wisdom for those who will dare to walk closely with him in deep intimacy and in the spirit.

The eye of man has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him in these last days. But God has revealed them to us by his spirit: for the spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. the things of God knoweth no man, but the spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the holy ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual ([1 Corinthians 2:7-12](#)).

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. But who have known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ ([1 Corinthians 2: 14-16](#)).

The challenge of our time is the great need for deeply spiritual men and women. Men who are truly deep in the spirit such that only deep can call unto deep "Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy water sprouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me ([Psalm 42:7](#)). These men will speak not with words which man's wisdom teaches, but with the wisdom which only the holy ghost teaches being in a position always to compare spiritual things with spiritual things.

Noah did According to all that God Commanded Him

"And God said to Noah, the end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shall thou make in the ark, and pitch it within and without with pitch. And this is the fashion which thou shall make it of: the length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it. And, behold, I, even I do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and everything that is in the earth shall die. **But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.** And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive. And take thou unto thee food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be food for thee, and for them. **Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he** ([Genesis 6:13-22](#)).

God gave specific instructions to Noah, and Noah carried them out to the letter. The order that God gave to Noah was a tall order but Noah stirred up himself to obey and to carry out God's instruction no matter how difficult it was for him to do so. God gave him specific instructions including detailed measurements on how to build the ark, where the doors and the windows were meant to be situated. God gave instructions on how the lower, second, and third stories of the ark should be built, and Noah followed these instructions to the letter. Building this ark

must have been very challenging to Noah but he did it. He had a willing heart, and God gave him the grace and favour to assemble the human and natural resources that he needed to build the ark. It took a lot of patience, dedication, focus, organizational skills, and expertise to get the ark ready according to God's specification.

God is raising a Noah in our day, and he is building an ark of safety for his people in these last days. It is not a physical ark that God is building today but it is a definite place of safety and protection in him for his people in this endtime. God is looking for men and women like Noah whose obedience will be complete. Men who will do all that the Lord has commanded. One can only imagine how difficult it was for Noah to pick samples of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort he brought into the ark, to keep them alive with him; he brought them in male and female. Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort Noah brought into the ark to keep them alive. And Noah took food for all the creatures and for his family into the ark as well.

One can only imagine how herculean this task must have been for Noah, but he did it. One can only imagine how long it took him, and how difficult it must have been to pick the samples of the animals and fowls of the air. It must have been an extremely painstaking endeavor for him and his family. God gave Noah the grace and all he needed to obey the counsel of God to the letter. In the same way we shall find help from the Lord, as we dedicate ourselves to the Lord to do his will unreservedly in this hour.

God is looking for men and women who will do his will no matter what. Oh Lord, we pray that we will find help and grace from your presence to repent from our lukewarm attitude and to obey you, and to do your will no matter what. We need to return to him who is the fountain of living waters "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water" (**Jeremiah 2:13**). God will avenge all disobedience when our own obedience is complete (**2 Corinthians 10:6**).

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