

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE SECRET TO SUCCESS WITH GOD

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PART 1: NOAH – A MAN OF PERSEVERANCE

Is it possible for man to know how God thinks? **Isaiah 55-8-9**

We can catch glimpses of how God thinks by reading the Bible to find out what He likes and does not like. **Isaiah 57:15-21**

WHO DOES GOD PREFER?

The Bible says that God is not a respecter of persons but this reference has to do with salvation in that He is willing to save everyone. **Romans 2:11; Acts 10:34**

God revealed to the prophet Ezekiel there are some people He prefers over others; He did not say this just one time, but time and time again.

God stated He would send judgment to Israel. If Noah, Daniel or Job were in the country, they would be delivered through their righteousness, but they would not be able to deliver any of their families. **Ezekiel 14:12-20**

Since Noah, Daniel and Job pleased God, let's find out how they pleased Him.

NOAH

The entire human population had fallen so badly into sin during the life of Noah that God had decided to kill them all. **Genesis 6:5-13**

If we set the creation of Adam to year zero, Noah was born 1056 years later. Adam had died 126 years before Noah's birth and 14 years after Seth had died. A number of the patriarchs like Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared and Methuselah were still alive while Noah lived. Noah's father Lamech died in 1651 and lived for 595 years together with Noah. Abraham was 51 years old when Noah died.

Thus we can safely say that Noah had full knowledge of what had transpired in the Garden of Eden and was fully aware that God had promised to send a Redeemer who would save people from their sins.

The flood that killed all living beings on the earth took place in 1675, 25 years after Lamech, the last patriarch had died.

Noah had lived for five hundred years when God announced His intention to kill off all living flesh. **Genesis 5:32; 6:1-7**

Noah found grace in the eyes of God. **verse 8**

Noah is described as just, perfect and walked with God. **verse 9**

1. Noah's justification came through his faith in the future Redeemer. This we learn from Job, who was a contemporary with Abraham and a follower of the Gospel that God had given to Adam and Eve. **Job 19:20-27**



Thousands of years later we are given a full explanation by the apostle Paul. **Romans 3:20-28**

2. The perfection was his faith in the Redeemer, when the Redeemer could live through Noah and do the will of God. **1 John 2:5-12**
3. Walking with God mean that Noah did not partake in the sins of the people of his day. **Psalms 1:1-6**

Noah walked with God like his great-grandfather Enoch had done. **Genesis 5:22-24; Hebrews 11:5**

Jesus described how He wants this walk to be done. **John 15:1-17**

BUILDING THE ARK

The greatest test for Noah was the building of the Ark over a period of 100 years. When God commissioned him to build the ark, there was no time limit given to Noah. **Genesis 6:10-16**

The size of the ark would have been similar to a 45,000 ton American aircraft carrier from the Second World War. This was a good sized ship built on dry land where it had never before rained. Noah must have hired workers to get the lumber needed to build the ship where it was cut and fitted to form the hull.

God made a covenant with Noah, and for the next 100 years of no rain and lots of mocking from people, he built the ship exactly the way God told him to build it. **verses 17-22**

WHY DID GOD LOVE NOAH?

1. He was faithful to the vision God had given him.
2. He did not waver from the vision God had given him.
3. He was determined to finish his portion of the vision.
4. Public opinion did not sway him.
5. Noah had never experienced rain or seen a flood, but in faith he believed that what God had said was true and that was good enough for him.

This is what Jesus said. **Luke 9:62**

This is what God wants. **Hebrews 11:1-6**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?