

WHY GOD CHOSE NOAH

Genesis 6:9-12

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Introduction: After a long time, mankind became extremely wicked, making the world God had made nothing more than a cesspool of wickedness, lawlessness, immorality and violence. People were living only to do what they wanted, following the lusts of their flesh, focusing on beauty, sex, money, possessions, position, power, recognition and such. Mankind had totally forgotten about God and was not following God's plans for mankind and the earth. Mankind was destroying both the human race and the earth itself, therefore God had no choice but to start over by destroying mankind, however God did find one man and his family who had remained Godly people - Noah. Noah was just and perfect and he walked with God while the rest of the earth was filled with violence, corrupt and wicked. Noah and his family alone were saved of the entire human race. What kind of man was Noah that God chose him?

I. WHAT KIND OF MAN WAS NOAH?

1. Noah was just, a righteous man.
 - He was despised and persecuted by those around him.
 - Noah's godly behavior condemned the behavior of the others.
 - It reminded them how wicked and immoral, lawless lives they were living.
 - Noah endured all the persecution and remained faithful and loyal to God.
 - God took Noah's belief and counted it as righteousness, as justification.
 - God also took Noah's faith and counted it as being accepted and approved by Him.
 - Hebrews 11:7; Genesis 15:6; Romans 5:1; Galatians 3:6; Ephesians 2:8-9
 - It is one thing to claim to be saved, justified and accepted by God and that God accepts a believer, that He would never reject or condemn the believer **HOWEVER**, the one making such claims must live what he/she professes. A false profession is the same as hypocrisy.
 - Matthew 5:20; 1 Corinthians 15:34; Philippians 1:9-11
2. Noah was blameless/perfect among all the people of the world.
 - Noah was without blemish, blameless before others in God's eyes.
 - Noah was a complete believer in God and did what he should in every area of his life.
 - When others looked at Noah, they saw a pure, moral person, full of honesty and truthfulness. Noah lived what he professed and everyone saw that.
 - What would it be like to be everything that God wants in a person? **ARE YOU?** Are YOU a complete, mature in every area of your life? Are YOU blameless in the eyes of God and those around you? Or do you have some weaknesses?
 - Philippians 2:15; Colossians 1:22-23; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13; 5:23; 2 Peter 3:14
3. Noah "walked with God."
 - Only once before has it been said that someone "walked with God" and that was Enoch and now Noah is the second man to have "walked with God."
4. Noah had a godly family.
 - Noah had three sons who were reared in the ways of God.
 - Noah's entire family were godly people for God chose Noah and his **ENTIRE** family were chosen by God to be preserved of the whole human race.
 - Noah's grandfathers and great grandfathers were also godly men.

- Enosh, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Methuselah and Noah's father, Lamech.
- The godly influence of Noah's grandfathers and his own father had a great impact on Noah and it was only natural for Noah to rear his children to trust and follow God.
- Noah was also one who constantly "preached" to his family and to anybody else who happened to be around him.
- Noah sets a great example for people today in rearing of their children. Rear one's children to know God and to follow after God with all their hearts.
- Deuteronomy 4:9; 6:6-7; Proverbs 22:6; Isaiah 28:9; Ephesians 6:4; 1 Timothy 3:4; Titus 2:4

II. WORLD CIRCUMSTANCES IN NOAH'S TIME

1. The whole universe and man's world were/ are seen by God.
 - God looked upon the earth and saw a terrible scene - corruption, violence, lust, no one living a holy and godly life. Mankind had become so earthy and defiled it so much.
 - The earth was corrupt.
 - The earth was filled with violence.
 - Mankind had received the earth as a gift from God and now it was defiled and ruined.

2. The character of all mankind reflected what all mankind had become EXCEPT one man - Noah.
 - Mankind was corrupt before God.
 - Mankind filled the earth with violence, senseless attacks and killings, filled with immorality.
 - Mankind was seen by God for nothing was or ever will be hidden from God.
 - God knew that mankind had gone too far and now needed to be judged and wiped off the face of the earth.
 - All mankind had corrupted life upon earth.
 - When God created Adam and Eve, He showed them the way of godliness and of life.
 - Mankind had forsaken the way of God and went its own way, choosing the way of corruption:
 - the way of pain and suffering in birth.
 - the way of birth defects and imperfections.
 - the way of stumbling about and falling into evil.
 - the way of accident and injury.
 - the way of sickness and disease.
 - the way of selfishness and greed.
 - the way of earthly position and honor that is only temporary.
 - the way of aging and dying, etc, etc, etc.

CONCLUSION:

1. Sin is universal and every human being stands guilty before God, for all have forsaken the way of God and are following his/her own way of life.
2. The condition of the world today is not too different from the days of Noah - take a good look and be honest with what you see and hear.
3. God found ONE man out of the whole human race that was still faithful and loyal to Him. How many can God find today who are like Noah?
4. Psalm 12:1; 53:3; Proverbs 20:9 ; Isaiah 53:6; 64:6; Romans 3:23; 2 Timothy 3:1-5

