

## **AN EXAMPLE OF OBEDIENCE**

**Genesis 6:22    Genesis 6:1-7:10**

**Introduction:** There is no question as to what God thinks of sin and wickedness that mankind is always getting into. God displayed what His attitude toward sin and wickedness was when He flooded the earth and destroyed all the human race with the exception of one man and his family. Why wasn't that one man and his family destroyed along with everybody else? God looked the world over very carefully and only Noah found grace in God's eyes. God then gave Noah a tremendous task: warn the world around him that a flood was coming and then to build a big boat.

### **I. WHY GOD CHOSE NOAH CAN BE SEEN IN NOAH'S OBEDIENCE**

1. Noah displayed a unique faith.
  - A. Consider his circumstances:
    - He was called to preach.
    - His message was one of doom.
    - He preached the message for 120 years.
    - Nobody was impressed by his preaching for very long.
  - B. Consider what he was to do to preserve God's chosen:
    - He was to build a huge boat 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet deep out of a certain kind of wood.
    - He was to gather two of every air breathing animals.
    - He was to build the boat himself and at his own expense.
    - He was ridiculed year after year for over a hundred years.
  - C. What determination he exercised:
    - Nothing, nobody slowed him down.
    - He saw every animal to its place.
    - Only when commanded by God did he stop work and enter the ark.
2. Noah's obedience revealed his true, real character which God saw from the start.
  - A. His faithfulness showed how firmly he believed God in spite of no visible sign for 120 years.
  - B. He showed how determined he was to do exactly as God said and never gave a thought for himself or listened to even his family.
  - C. He boldly endured ridicule for 120 years, never giving up or arguing with those who made fun of him.

### **II. CHRISTIANS NEED TO BE LIKE NOAH TODAY**

1. The world is in a very similar condition today as it was in Noah's day.
  - A. God has declared a "coming day of Judgment"

- B. There is no sign of that Judgment Day coming soon.
  - C. Many who heard Noah's message and saw him building the ark didn't believe what he said or in what he was doing.
  - D. Many today laugh at the gospel and the warnings the Church speaks about.
2. Today's means of safety are similar to that in the day of Noah.
- A. God has provided another "Ark" for today and that is His Son, Jesus.
  - B. Today many prefer to provide their own "ark" and do not care about God's "Ark."
  - C. Only those in God's "Ark" will be spared when that Judgment Day comes.
3. As in the days of Noah, a distinction will be made between those who find grace in the eyes of God and those who do not.
- A. Of those who believed Noah, none perished.
    - Of those who disbelieved or did not listen, perished.
  - B. Today, of those who believe in God's Son, Jesus, none will perish on Judgment Day.
    - Of those who do not believe in God's Son, Jesus, all will perish on Judgment Day.

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. Consider Noah's faithful actions:
  - He didn't rationalize or try to understand what God was doing or going to do.
  - He did exactly what God told him to do without question.
  - Our faith must be like Noah's, no questions asked.
  - Trust God's promises and fear His warnings and do what He says when He says.
2. Consider the need of fear and respect of God:
  - Noah knew God, therefore feared, obeyed, and respected God.
  - If people knew God today as Noah knew God, there would be fear, obedience and respect of God.
  - Who trembles before God today?
3. Consider the results of obedience like Noah's:
  - In Noah's day there were 120 years after being warned, that God's wrath and judgment fell.
  - God has warned today's world that there is coming a Day of Judgment soon.
  - Noah believed, obeyed God and was saved, preserved from destruction.
  - Ignore God's message, delay in believing God's message and destruction will come.
4. God has not changed, mankind has not changed and God's requirements for escaping His coming wrath and world destruction have not changed.
  - Noah listened, believed, obeyed, built an ark and was saved.
  - Let us listen, believe, obey and trust in God's "Ark," Jesus, and be saved.