

He Wrought Righteousness Through Noah

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

I would like us to turn to **Genesis chapter 6**. We are thinking about Noah and Noah's ark. But I just want you to understand who Noah was. Could you imagine building a strange looking barge, which was going to have three levels for the animals and food supplies and water all that would be required? Could you imagine, at the same time, being a preacher of righteousness? Can you imagine faithfully carrying on day after day? Can you see a holy God waiting with long suffering, as this job took about one hundred and twenty years to be accomplished and brought together? And, as this was going on, there was nobody saying, "I receive the living God as my own personal Saviour?" There was no repentance. But Noah, all the time, stood out in a difficult generation.

That is the life in Christ that you and I can have. We don't have to have it all good and easy about us. We have the power of the living God within us. We are the vessel for the life of Christ, if we have received Him. We have the Word of God. We have the fellowship with Him; that intimate communion moment by moment; that availability unto Him. As Christ was available to His Father, we are available to the Lord. That is the real Christian life! That is what it is all about. But it does not mean it is all going to be roses around us; it can

mean that there will be difficulty and persecution and everything seems impossible. But that was the same with Noah. We read :

9 . . . Noah was a just man . . . -that means he had been justified by faith . . . and perfect in his generations . . .-that means he was uncontaminated . . . and Noah walked with God.

In **Genesis 6**, we read -

13 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.

And it goes on to say in that little verse as in **Hebrews 11:7 - not seen**. You say, “What is that phrase *not seen*?”

7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen, with reverential care, prepared an ark to save his household; by means of which faith he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Yes, Noah is in the record of those who lived by faith, **Hebrews 11**. But he is talking about doing that which was not seen. How come we want everything spelled out? We want to know what we are going to do tomorrow and how it is going to be taken care of. Then we say, we are children of the risen Lord and that we live by faith! No, our tomorrows, our next hour, are in the hands of the Lord. Who knows what a split second can bring forth? But in Christ, as Noah realized, he did the job he was told to do. Every time I read what Noah was

doing, I see this little phrase. God said to do it and Noah did it. That is what we are to do in our walk with the Lord.

But what is so exciting to me is that it goes on to show about Noah in **verse 33 of Hebrews 11** -

33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises . . . Is that the explanation of your life or do you just fit in to the church mold of where you attend? Don't you see, there is a unique life within you if you have received Christ? Christ says, "I am going to bring forth My righteousness. I am going to do My work in this evil generation My way. It is not that you are all going to be famous and do some big thing as far as all the world is concerned, but you are going to obey Me. I am going to bring lives across your life, that you can touch and reach and minister that My righteousness will go forth." Self-righteousness is a futile effort of man to walk about, under law, what we think God is going to approve. No, it is Christ doing that work.

In **Romans 10**, we read -

3 For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness -and could that be you? could that be me? could that be our local church? . . . have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Don't you see the difference of this new creation, this new life in Christ? This means He has the plan before us; He is going to bring forth what He wants to do; He is going to bring people across our path. It is not what is big and famous and how well-known we are; it is all to do with Jesus. I love that little phrase that tells me over and over and over again, that when I receive Christ, He is my life. I love the fact that as He created the heavens and the earth, He brought me into a new creation. Same body; new life. That is what the real Christian life is all about.

I want to ask you right now: where do you stand in your relationship with the Lord? You say you know Him? If you know Him, you want to talk to Him; you want to worship Him; you want to express all that you are in total dependence upon Him as you face every daily task. Not just the big things; the little things.

Would you send for that book, *Food for Faith*. It tells how you can read the Word daily and walk closely to Him. We want to give you that book free. We are praying for you and we love you dearly.

In Jesus' wonderful Name. Amen.

