

Topic: Noah the Good Seed
Text: **Genesis 6:8-9; 22 (NIV)**
Theme: “Noah, the good seed, fulfilled to continue God’s plan of salvation through the Righteous Seed”

Introduction

- Noah means “bringing rest or comfort from toil on the land which God has cursed,” which was in reference to the curse given to Adam in Genesis 3:17-18.
- Noah lived righteously, blameless, and walked with God in the midst of wickedness that plagued the people during his time.
- If he did not find favour in the eyes of the Lord, surely his family would perish in the flood with all the rest of the seven billion population at that time.
- What if Noah was unrighteous... or blameful... or walked against God? What if Noah did not build the Ark? Would God have a back-up plan to save mankind through Jesus?
- Praise God, Noah did EVERYTHING the Lord commanded him to do. Through Noah, the Righteous Seed's bloodline, God's plan to appropriate salvation through His Son was fulfilled.

I. NOAH, THE GOOD SEED, WAS GOD'S FAVOURITE

Genesis 6:8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord

- Only two people found favour in the eyes of the Lord, Noah and Mary, the mother of Jesus.

A. A righteous man (Genesis 6:9)

Genesis 6:9 ... Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.

1. Although Job was called “blameless, upright, feared God and shunned evil” there is a difference between Noah and Job (which will be discussed later).
2. As a righteous man, God revealed to Noah His plan to destroy all the people and the animals.

3. He gave Noah instructions how to build the Ark.

B. A preacher (2 Peter 2:5c)

1. While Noah was building the Ark within 100-120 years, he warned the people of the impending disaster. (Hebrews 11:7)
2. People were caught unprepared, unrepentant when the flood started. (Luke 17:27)
3. Jesus compared His second coming as in the days of Noah. (Matthew 24:38,39)

C. A bloodline of the Righteous Seed (Luke 3:36-37)

1. **Two purposes why God protected Noah's family:** (a) For being for being righteous; (b) To preserve the Righteous Seed through Noah's bloodline, which was promised back in Genesis 3:15).
2. **Law of double reference.** Addressing an invisible creation (the primary reference) AND AT THE SAME TIME addressing a visible creation (the secondary reference).
 - Example: When Jesus revealed to His disciples that He would die and be resurrected, Peter rebuked Jesus: "Never, Lord, This shall never happen to you" (Matthew 16:22). Jesus replied: **"Get behind me Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, you do not have in mind the things of God, but of men."**
 - Jesus was primarily referring and rebuking Satan (being invisible), and at the same time Peter (being visible).
 - In Genesis 3:15 Visible creatures were being addressed as secondary reference (serpent, Eve), AND AT THE SAME TIME addressing invisible persons as the primary reference (Satan, Mary, and Jesus AS HER SEED).
 - The "seed of the woman" (her seed) wasn't called the "seed of man" because Jesus was born by a virgin through the Holy Spirit, and not through Joseph.

3. **The bloodline of the Righteous Seed from God to Jesus**
(Luke 3): God, Adam, Seth ... Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, **NOAH**, Shem, Terah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob ... Judah ... Salmon (whose wife was Rahab, the prostitute), Boaz (the kinsman redeemer whose wife was Ruth) ... Obed, Jesse, David ... Heli (the father of Mary, the father in-law of Joseph whose father was Jacob), Jesus
4. It is the bloodline that differs Noah from Job.

II. NOAH, THE GOOD SEED, WAS THE NEXT ADAM

Genesis 9:1 Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. V2 The fear and dread of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given into your hands.

- Noah started a new human race.

A. Similarities between Noah and Adam

- Both were commanded to be fruitful and increase in number, replenish the earth, rule over the fish, birds, and living creatures that move on the ground. (Genesis 1:28; 9:1-2)

B. Differences between Noah and Adam

1. Adam was created; Noah, together with his sons, was born. God did not create again.
2. Food of men and animals during Adam's time were seed-bearing plants, and fruit with seeds.
3. Food of men after the Flood, plants and animal meat (provided there is no blood in it) (Genesis 9:3). Hence, they were no longer vegetarian or vegan (vegetarian who doesn't eat animal products)

C. Noahic Covenant – A covenant between God and every creation on earth (Genesis 9:9-11)

1. The Rainbow sealed the Noahic Covenant (Genesis 9:12-16)
2. **How is rainbow formed?**
 - When sunlight falls on RAINDROPS, it splits into 7 different colours and is bent (refracted) into particular angle. Red makes of 42 angle while blue makes 40.6 angle.
 - Significance: When there is too much rain (heavy amount of rain), Rainbow appears to remind God of the Noahic Covenant.

III. NOAH, THE GOOD SEED, STARTED THE INSTITUTION OF THE HUMAN GOVERNMENT

Genesis 9:5 “And I will require the blood of anyone who takes another person's life. If a wild animal kills a person, it must die. And anyone who murders a fellow human must die.”

V6 If anyone takes a human life, that person's life will also be taken by human hands. For God made human beings in his own image. (NLT)

- The First Dispensation: Innocence. Started from creation and ended with expulsion from Eden
- The Second Dispensation: Conscience. Started from Expulsion to the Flood.
- The Third Dispensation: Human Government. Begun from the Flood and ended with dispersion of Babel.

A. Men obeyed God by submitting to his fellow men's authority.

1. The highest function of the government is to protect human life.
2. Man is not to personally avenge murder, but as a corporate group, he is to safeguard the sanctity of human life.

B. *The sons of Noah were commissioned to take the corporate authority.*

1. They were deeply impressed by the consequence of sin.
2. During the Flood, they had the experiential knowledge of God punishing the wicked and saving the believers.
3. They witnessed both God's grace to righteous people and death to unrighteous ones.
4. Their Flood experience deepened their respect, reverence, service, and worship to God.

Optional Conclusion

- Indeed, Noah, fulfilled God's plan of salvation—to totally save mankind from sin.
- The Ark is a type of Jesus. The Ark preserved the life of those who were inside it.
- Jesus, He is our life-protector, life-giver.
- Our own Christian life maybe filled with negativities, problems, trials and tribulations, diseases, but Jesus invites each you to come to Him, if you are heavy laden, His yoke is easy and His burden is light. Let Him carry your life's burden.