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The Bible says *“by faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared on ark to the saving of his house...”* (Hebrews 11:7).

The wickedness of Noah’s time was so great that Noah could save no one except members of his family. However, one could not call him a failure. Great men like David and Samuel were not so successful in their attempts to save their children, and in this respect they fall far below Noah. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if every Christian father today could save all his children! Surely Noah built a successful home.

Today because of much denomination that is started by men, it is normal to see families, divided as to which church or demonstration a husband or a wife would attend. Children get confused whether to follow their father or mother. Joshua told the children of Israel *“...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”* (Joshua 24:15). In his first epistle to Timothy, some of the qualifications listed were *“one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with gravity (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, now shall he take care of his own church of God?)”* (1 Timothy 3:4-5).

Back to Genesis 6:5 we read, *“and God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”* In verse 6 the Bible says, *“and it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.”* The Lord decided to destroy man whom he had created, but Noah found grace in the eyes of God (Gen 6:7-8). How did he find such a grace? The Bible says, Noah was just, perfect and walking with God.

God still looks for faithful men to fulfill his mission on earth today. Are you one of the faithful men that God is looking for?

The plan of God and His mission was to destroy men, beasts, and creeping things and the fowls of the air. In the beginning God had prophesied in Genesis 3:15 when he said, *“and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and the her seed, it shall bruise his head and thou shall bruise his heel.”* It was therefore necessary the seed of the woman must be preserved through a faithful person. That person must be carefully chosen; Noah did qualify to do just that work.

The plan of God was given to Noah. He was told to build or *“make an ark of gopher wood, rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: the length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. A window shall thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shall thou finish it above, and the door of the ark*

shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second and third stories shalt thou make it." (Genesis 6:14-16). The Bible says, *"by faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house..."* (Hebrews 11:7). Noah obeyed God's specific commandment and instructions to build the ark. Had he not obeyed he would not save his house or family. Noah's righteousness put him in a class to himself every imagination of the thoughts of men's hearts all around him was evil continuously.

It mattered not what others did, Noah was set to do what God said, and he did it — everything. Around you and me who serve in the church of Christ there are demonstrations; they do things that we don't do. Like Noah, ours is to obey and do what the Bible says. We should speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent. God has spoken and we must listen and do whatever things he has spoken. (Luke 6:46; John 12:48).

Finally, those who were not in the ark could not escape the floods. Surely the people in their mad scramble for safety scaled the mountain peaks, but the waters kept rising, rising, rising – until at last the whole earth was submerged in hopeless doom and every screaming voice was hushed. The waters rolled on victoriously; but God's obedient children were safe. They rode through the flood without a loss because God was the pilot of their ship and captain of their salvation.

Reading through Genesis chapter 7, one can actually be able to observe that the destruction of sinful man during Noah's days was completed; so shall it be at the end of the world when the son of God shall come. Peter said, *"...but the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noises, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up"* (2 Peter 3:10).

What is God's "ark of safety" today?

The Bible says, *"And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church"* (Eph. 1:22-23). Noah was given by God a plan to build an ark which saved his family of eight members. Jesus Christ came into the world to build His church. All people from all nations of the world can now be saved in the church that Jesus Christ built. The apostle Paul wrote *"...in order that now to the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known through the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to eternal purpose that He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord."* (Ephesians 3:10-11).

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