**It’s Thrive Time Podcast Teaching Notes**

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**Series:** Determined and Intentional Thriving In Perilous Times

**Title:** Men and Women of the Bible Who Served God With Determination and Intention- Noah- Determined and Intentional in His Faith and Obedience

**Lesson:**  **Text:** Various Chapters in Genesis and Hebrews 11

**The Story of Noah**

Genesis 5

**The genealogy of Noah:**

Enoch -> Methuselah -> Lamech -> Noah->Shem, Ham, Japheth

**Noah means** “rest”

**The day in which Noah lived:** Genesis 5:5 - [And GOD saw that the wickedness of man](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Genesis-6-5/)*[was](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Genesis-6-5/)*[great in the earth, and](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Genesis-6-5/)*[that](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Genesis-6-5/)*[every imagination of the thoughts of his heart](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Genesis-6-5/)*[was](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Genesis-6-5/)*[only evil continually.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Genesis-6-5/)- **(God sees our actions, and He knows our heart. He cares about both and both have consequences)**

**Genesis 6- Consequences**

We see the ultimate destination of man’s fallen behavior. What began with Adam and Eve in the form of rebellion gave way to “every intent of the thoughts of his heart” were on evil continually. Man rejected God. However, such behavior on man’s part didn’t prompt anger from God, but sorrow (v. 6). Because God knew how destructive sin was and how much He longed to bless, it hurt God that man didn’t follow Him. No doubt as with Cain, God warned sinful man repeatedly of the consequences of his actions. But, when man would not change, God had no choice but to punish.

**Genesis 5:8** - But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord - Whenever we see God act toward us in a way we do not deserve, we call that grace. Why did Noah “find grace”? God is an intentional God, nothing He does is random or arbitrary.

**Why did Noah find grace in the Lord’s eyes? -**Vs 9 - Noah was a **just man,** and **perfect in his generations**, and **Noah walked with God -** Noah did not earn grace, but his heart was one that desired to walk with God. He desired to serve God

**“A just man”** - righteous, actions were upright, he had integrity

**“Perfect in his generations”** - He was upright, he lived in a close relationship with God. He was not sinless but the general character of Noah is being spoken of.

**6:13** - **And God said unto 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.

**6:14- Build an ark and specific instructions are given by God to Noah -**

**The intentionality of God**- giving very specific instructions

Who better to get our instructions from than the One who created us, the One who made all that is.- It should not be that we say “all I can do is pray”. “Maybe God can help me with this”. God should be the first One we go to for instructions.

When we are sick- He is the Great Physician, the Healer

When we are lost- He is the Great Shepherd who leads the sheep

When we are anxious- He is Peace

When we need love - He is Love

When we are at war - Is the One who is Mighty in battle, undefeated, He is our victory

When we are in financial hardship- He is the best manager of valuables- no economic crisis in heaven- His storehouses are full today and they will be full tomorrow!

When we need advice- He is the Counselor

**6:17-18** - And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. **18.**But with thee will I establish my **covenant**; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

**Vs22**- Noah’s response- No questions, no murmuring, no asking for assistants to help in this project, no false humility, no delay- we only read this:  **“Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he”**

**7:1-And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. Obedience has consequences good or bad on our family.**

**How long did it take to build the ark?** - some say over 100 yrs. Many say max of 75 yrs. Regardless of exactly how long it took, we know it took a long time! we see Noah was obedient, and Noah finished what he started.

**What did Noah experience as he built this ark?- Let’s take a moment to, in our mind, go back to Noah’s day and let’s look at the times then and then look at our times and what we would face today is probably similar to what we face today.**  Keep in mind, I am not adding these into the Biblical account. I am only thinking about them and considering them because Noah was a man just like us, facing emotions, and thoughts, and questions just like us. It is interesting when we try to put ourselves back in that time and wonder “what if I was Noah”

Because the Bible says As it was in the days of Noah so shall it be right before the Son of Man comes for us

**It is likely that Noah was mocked**

**It is likely that he faced violent attacks, or possibly the ark endured violence**

**It is likely that Noah faced some discouraging times as he built the Ark,**

 **it is likely that he had some injuries,**

**it is likely that he was tempted to wonder “is this every going to be completed”, “is this really going to happen”, etc.**

**What did Mrs Noah face? How many hours a day did Noah work on this ark? Did she ever just “want her husband back”, did she ever wonder the same things Noah might have wondered.**

 **Yet we never hear them voiced, we never hear complaining from Noah. All we know is that Noah did all that God commanded him to do.**

**7:9. - There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, *as God had commanded Noah.***

**7:16 - And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, *as God had commanded him*: *and the Lord shut him in.-*  God was there from start to finish!**

**7:23- And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.**

**Here we see that what God said to Noah decades earlier was carried out just as He said. God is faithful! Noah’s obedience was not in vain.**

**What if Noah had said “no” - (today, folks wouldn’t call it “rebellion”, we would call it “I’ve got a lot going on at home”, It’s a bad time for me right now”, “God, I may not be the best one for the job, I’m not a carpenter.” “God, (fill in the blank)**

**Noah walked with God and today he would encourage us to do the same.**

**Noah in the New Testament- How was he remembered?**

**Hebrews 11**

**Vs 7 - 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; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.**

**“By faith” - we will get back to this in a moment**

**“Being warned of God of things not seen as yet”**

**“Moved with fear”, he prepared to the saving of his house**

**“Became heir of the righteousness which is by faith”**

**And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

**Matthew 24:38-39 KJV**

**For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

**Isaiah 54:9 KJV**

**For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.**

**Luke 17:27 KJV**

**They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.**

**II Peter 2:5 -** [And spared not the old world, but saved](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Peter-2-5/)**[Noah](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Peter-2-5/)**[the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Peter-2-5/)

**I Peter 3:20 - [Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Peter-3-20/)**

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| Noah was living in perilous times- the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (6:5,11-12) the earth was filled with violence and the flesh had corrupted it., | We are living in perilous times- the wickedness of man is great in the earth, and the imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually |
| Noah was warned by God about a flood that would kill all except those in the Ark | God has warned us about a coming Tribulation that will bring complete devastation and so many will not survive it |
| He was warned about “things not seen as yet”, Noah had faith in spite of not seeing it with the human eye. He not only had faith, he put it into action, as we are about to see! | Do we believe God when He warns us of things not seen. Is it head knowledge or heart knowledge? Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen! Are we exercising our faith through obedience? |
| Noah was moved with fear (reverence for God) and he immediately built the ark | Are we moved with fear (reverence for God) to the point of immediate obedience. |
| Noah offered no excuses to God | When God calls us to do something, are we offering up excuses. |
| God entered into covenant with Noah | We are in a covenant with Jesus Christ |
| God shut them in preserving him and his family from the judgement of God | God will hide us in His pavilion in the storms of life but also when the final judgement has come- known as the tribulation, we will be spared |

Lessons Learned About Noah That We Should Take With Us: Hebrews 11