

Pastoral REFLECTIONS

June 20, 2021

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers and especially those of you that are present in worship today.

As Fathers, we are all extremely important to the continual development of the kingdom of God. God views us as His spiritual leaders in the home. It is our faithfulness to this task that qualifies us to serve in His house (the church; 1 Timothy 3:4-5). God told Abraham, "For I have chosen him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice; in order that the LORD may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him" (Genesis 18:19). It is when a man chooses to be the spiritual leader in his home that God blesses his house and makes him prosperous (Proverbs 24:3-5; Psalm 128). For the salvation of our homes, our church, and our community, we must run this race that is set before us. "And he will restore the hearts of the fathers to {their} children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse" (Malachi 4:6).

Being a leader is sometimes very lonely. Many times, not even our wives understand or appreciate our vision for the home, our discipline of the children, or some of the decisions we make, but we cannot back away from the role God has ordained for us. We cannot just work for peace because all we will create is temporal peace rather than spiritual maturity (as spiritual leaders), which leads to peace that is more stable (Galatians 5:22-23). Many of us may say this is hard. This is why I do believe in the Men's Ministry. It is a place where men can come, share, and be strengthened. Here is one of my foundational principles for life; "If we can share the load, we can bear the load" (Galatians 6:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:14).

"A little girl followed her father as he carefully stepped through a new garden. She stepped exactly where he stepped and said, "Daddy, if you don't get mud on your feet, I won't get any mud on me!" Wives pray for us. All the words that you believe can fix us (1 Peter 3:1-2) may never fix us the way prayer can, because when God does the fixing, He allows us to be the spiritual fathers we need to be since He is our spiritual Father (Ephesians 3:14-21).

Men, we must keep the faith and press toward the mark of our calling (Philippians 3:13-15; Hebrews 12:1-3). This race would not be lonely if we would not allow our egos to cause us to run it alone. Get a prayer partner, be an active part of the Men's Ministry, and wives pray for us; "we be trying...."



UPCOMING Events



MEN'S MINISTRY –KINGDOM BUILDERS is inviting all men to a **Cook to Impress Fellowship** event! LWFC Chefs Ken Scott and Reginald Mitchell will give a live cooking demonstration to assist Men in improving their healthy meal cooking skills.
Sat., June 26th at 10:00 a.m. Contact Tony Hall at tony.hall5962@yahoo.com



SUMMER SPECIAL INVITE: Need a small and intimate setting that's filled with love, learning and fun.
2-years-old to 3rd grade.
Family and Friends cost is \$85.00

Our teachers are vaccinated and CDC guidelines are being followed. Call 281-445-9673.



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Contact your Deacon Family for your Free Conference Call Meeting Information or visit bit.ly/lwfcfccdirections

Life Application is Key so Walk With Us in Life Application Classes!



HOMES FOR HAITI

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Communion

Visitor's Welcome

Worship In Giving

Offering boxes are located at all perimeters under crosses

Special Music

"Stand"

Genesis 6:9-10; 8:20-21; 9:1

Dr. Paul Cannings

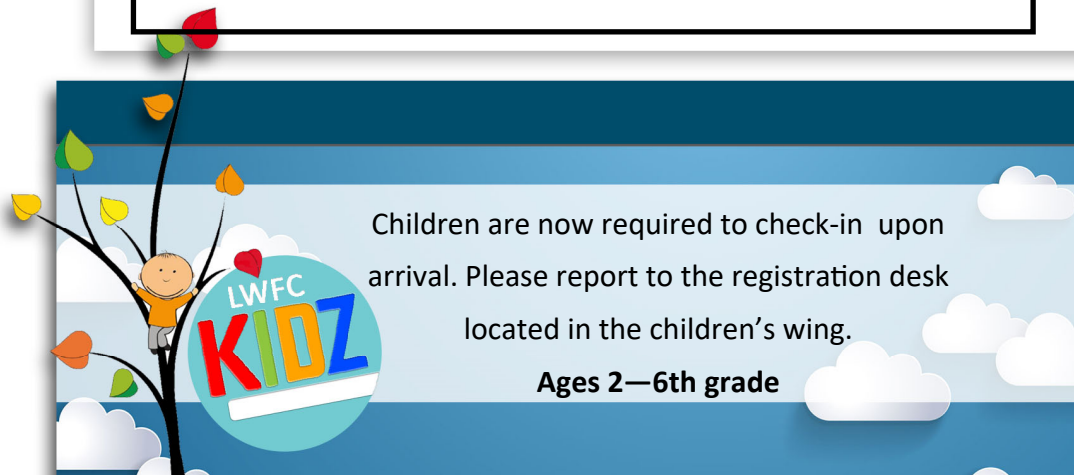
Full sermon notes available online at www.lwfellowshipchurch.org

Click on the "Media" tab and click "Sermon Outline"

Call to Discipleship

Please remain seated at this time

Benediction



Children are now required to check-in upon arrival. Please report to the registration desk located in the children's wing.

Ages 2—6th grade



S E R M O N O U T L I N E

STAND

Genesis 6:9-10; 8:20-21; 9:1

A. Upright (Genesis 6:9-10):

- 1. While living in a crooked and perverse generation, Noah’s character completely displayed a respect for the will of God, so that each and every day he honestly lived before God and man.
- 2. Noah’s character was in such conformity to the will of God that he represented perfection, a life that was wholeheartedly committed to God; so, his service to God lacked nothing.
- 3. A third characteristic that describes Noah’s life is that Noah was consciously aware of who God was and intended him to be.
- 4. Noah would endlessly keep having children. This would take place through his sons (9:1) but because they will eventually fill the earth the bearing of children is endless.
 - a) Having three sons may be viewed as confirming Noah’s righteousness; cf. Job 1:2; 42:13; Psalm 127, 128. It also links him with Adam and Terah (Gen 4:1–2, 25; 11:27), who also fathered three sons and stand at turning points of history. Noah’s sons are presumably considered righteous, as they are mentioned before the general corruption of the rest of the world in vv. 11–12.

B. Before God (Genesis 8:20-21):

- 1. Noah, after the worldwide flood, took the time to construct (in the sense of manufacturing) an altar to the Lord, as a builder would.
- 2. The purpose of Noah building an altar is directly focused on offering a sacrifice to God.
 - a) Without God requesting anything, Noah built an altar to the Lord as soon as he got off the boat. Notice that God did not ask him to do so, and there is no Mosaic Law requiring it.
- 3. Noah clearly understood the power and authority of the Lord and His desire to have a relationship with mankind. Noah coming out of the ark, knowing that only he and his family are alive, worships the Lord God.
- 4. Noah’s actions were not because he was commanded to offer to God. He persistently focused to take the initiative to bless God.
- 5. Noah’s actions, by taking a journey to a high mountain to present to the Lord an offering, indicates how dedicated and determined he was to worship the Lord. This exposes the sincerity of his heart, further highlighting his righteous and blameless character.
- 6. The offering that Noah chose to sacrifice to God was an offering that demonstrated a worshipper’s total surrender of the heart to the divine will of God.
- 7. Noah could have offered a sin offering or a peace offering, but Noah chose the burnt offering. With his home destroyed and having to completely start over the first thing Noah chose to do was worship the Lord God with complete surrender. After the pandemic what is our attitude towards God?
- 8. The altar that Noah built is now in use for the sacrifice Noah decided to offer to the Lord. He prepared the altar before the sacrifice. The altar is his place of worship that he constructed for the Lord (put in the time and effort to manufacture this place of worship) and then it became the place of sacrifice and therefore, worship to the Lord.
- 9. The Lord was well pleased with the effort to build the altar and the sacrifice Noah made.
 - a) God did not just smell Noah’s offering but He also responded to Noah’s worship with a blessing for his entire family (Genesis 9:1; Psalm 128:5-6).

- 10. Man’s intent is to have a very negative attitude towards God, and he demonstrates no desire to submit to the standards of God. This takes place from the time of their youth.
- 11. God’s covenant with Noah assures us that this virus will not kill us all. The storm “Harvey” did not flood us all out. God’s covenant always gives us a place to run.

C. For Mankind (Genesis 9:1):

- 1. This word represents God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Trinity is now engaged in a new plan to execute God’s agenda throughout the earth because of Noah, a father who chooses to live righteously.
 - a) God decided this on His own initiative, after Noah’s worship, to bless Noah.
- 2. The Godhead decided to extend His favor towards Noah and his family, so that they can prosper and experience happiness as they trust the Lord’s will.
- 3. Because of Noah, God spoke to his sons and what He said is going to be endlessly executed towards them and to all mankind.
 - a) Because of a father who chooses to live righteously, this family has a new beginning, new purpose, and this dad blesses his family to save mankind on earth.
- 4. God commanded Noah’s sons to focus on filling the earth beyond its capacity so that it is fully extended. We now have nearly seven billion people on the earth and it’s still growing.
- 5. A righteous man caused God to bless his sons and then God spoke directly with his sons so that the earth is blessed and protected from total destruction.
- 6. Living righteously in fatherhood is a blessing not just to the father and his family, but for generations to come. One man is the pivot from one generation being wiped out, to a generation being established. A righteous man is a true blessing to God and others (Psalm 112; 128).

PRAYER REQUEST

Grieving: Melinda Parsee & Family, Nikisha Doyle & Family, the Family of Debra Gaines, Wanda Ryan & Family, Curtis Sanders & Family, Sybil Grenion & Family, Pastor Duane Lawrence & Family, Doris Henderson & Family & Billy Mitchell & Family.

Health and Healing: Lurlean Lane, Florence Wiggins, Retha Amos, Octavia Scott, Margaret Baptiste, Cici Sharpe, Eunice Johnson, Jeffrey McQueen, Brittany Bull-ock, Sara-Beth Mathis, Barbara Gordon, Ella James, Pat Crawford, Lisa Roberts, Birdie Williams, Jon Heard, Lyndia Tarkington & Sybel Ned’s son, Johnathan.

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