

But Noah found Favor
Genesis 6:5-8; 13-22
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A. The Lord Saw v. 5

1. Wickedness of Mankind

2. **The intent of the thoughts of their heart**- Every urge or natural tendency of their thought process. The heart refers to the mind, will, and emotions of a person.
3. **Evil Continually** – This means it was not one aspect of man’s nature not corrupted by sin.
4. Jesus said, as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be (Matthew 24:37). In other words, the conditions of the world before the coming of Jesus will be like the conditions of the world before the flood:

- Exploding population (Genesis 6:1).
- Sexual perversion (Genesis 6:2).
- Demonic activity (Genesis 6:2).
- Constant evil in the heart of man (Genesis 6:5).
- Widespread corruption and violence (Genesis 6:11).

B. The Lord Was v.6

1. Sorry (he made man) says this twice. also states this in verse 7
2. Grieved (in his heart)

C. The Lord Said v.7

1. He would wipe out mankind

2. He would wipe out what mankind was given dominion over.
3. Why would he wipe out the animals in creation as well? The answer is in verse 13 (God ended all of flesh which includes animal flesh because the earth is filled with violence).
4. When we sin, everything we have dominion over will feel the effects.

D. (The Lord found favor) But Noah Found Favor v.8

1. **A righteous man-** In the way Noah lived out his life Noah was just. This carries that he was fair morally. Noah was innocent of the judgment of the rest of the people around him.

1b. 2 Peter 2:5 describes Peter as a preacher of righteousness. The Greek word for preacher is better translated “herald” and refers to an official entrusted with making public proclamations. It is believed that for 120 years Noah builds the ark while he preached righteousness according to Gen 6:3. He did this from the time God predicted the flood until it came. Noah righteousness was active in the way lived out obedience with God.

2. **Blameless in his generation-** Noah didn’t commit himself to the mindset and actions of the generation around him. As the rest (Gen 6:5) every intent of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. He was blameless. Noah stood out; he was salt; Holy
3. **Walked with God-** Not only did he refrain from the ways of the generation around him but he also walked with the Lord. This describes an intimate relationship with God.
4. As Noah exhibit these three things God spoke to Noah and decided to use him.

E. Noah’s Project v. 13-21

1. The ark was as long as a 30-story building is high (about 450 feet or 150 meters), and it was about 75 feet (25 meters) wide and 45 feet (15 meters) high. What is described is not really a boat, but a well-ventilated barge meant only to float and not to sail anywhere. After all, an ark is a chest, not a ship; this refers to the shoebox shape of the vessel.
2. i. The ark, roughly the shape of a shoebox, was plenty large enough (about the size of the Titanic), and had a cubit-wide opening (18 inches, one-half meter) all the way around the top.
3. The average size of a land animal is smaller than a sheep. The ark could carry 136,560 sheep in half of its capacity, leaving plenty of room for people, food, water, and whatever other provisions were needed.

F. Noah ark Historically v. 22

1. Even though Noah had an incredible job to take on he did it faithfully. Nowhere in scripture do we see Noah complaining or fighting against God’s structure in building the ark but we

- see his commitment of 120 years of relying on what God communicated to him in building the ark in such an evil time.
2. Noah moved with a Godly Fear- Hebrews 11:7
 3. Beyond the Bible, there is rich historical evidence for the reality of Noah's Ark.
 - i. In 275 b.c., Berosus, a Babylonian historian, wrote: "But of this ship that grounded in Armenia some part still remains in the mountains... and some get pitch from the ship by scraping it off."
 - ii. Around a.d. 75, Josephus said the locals collected relics from the ark and showed them off to this very day. He also said all the ancient historians he knew of wrote about the ark.
 - iii. In a.d. 180, Theophilus of Antioch wrote: "the remains [of the ark] are to this day to be seen... in the mountains."
 - iv. An elderly Armenian man in America said that as a boy, he visited the ark with his father and three atheistic scientists in 1856. Their goal was to disprove the ark's existence, but they found it and became so enraged they tried to destroy it, but could not because it was too big and had petrified. In 1918 one of the atheistic scientists (an Englishman) admitted on his deathbed the whole story was true.

In the early part of this century, a Russian aviator named Vladimire Rokovitsky claimed the discovery of Noah's ark. He was stationed in southern Russia near the Turkish border and Mount Ararat. As he tested a plane he and his co-pilot flew over Ararat and discovered on the edge of a glacier what he described as a boat the size of a battleship. He said it was partially submerged in a lake, and he could see there was an opening for a door nearly 20 feet (7 meters) square, but the door was missing. Rokovitsky told his commanding officer and an expedition was dispatched to find the ark and photograph it. The report was forwarded to the Czar, who was soon overthrown and the photos and the report perished.
 - viii. In 1936 a young British archaeologist named Hardwicke Knight hiked across Ararat and discovered interlocking hand-tooled timbers at a height of 14,000 feet (4,600 meters).
 - ix. During World War II two pilots saw and photographed something they believed was the ark on Mount Ararat.
 4. You shall make it: God had not yet told Noah why he must build an ark. At this point, all Noah knew was that God will judge the earth, and he was supposed to build a big barge. Since it had not rained yet on the earth, it is reasonable to suppose Noah didn't know what God was meant yet.
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