

Sermon Outlines
Noah - Part 2 - The Person

Readings:

Genesis 6:8-9; 7:1

The Person

- 1) Noah - he was a real man and human being.
 - a) Noah was "just" a man like you and me.
 - b) Some people think these men in the Bible, i.e.; Noah, Moses, etc., were great and special men, but they were JUST men.
- 2) Noah was a just man, and he walked. (Gen. 6:9)
 - a) Bible says he was perfect in his generation and how dark it was, sexual perversity, skepticism, and violence was the hall mark of the age.
 - i) "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." (Gen. 6:5)
 - b) Yet He retained his righteousness before God just as Lot also did.
 - i) "And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly" (2 Pet. 2:5). (It was only because he was righteous he was able to preach righteousness)
 - ii) "And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked." (2 Pet. 2:7)
 - c) Every child of God should stand out in their community, stand out as different.
 - d) He found grace in the eyes of the Lord.
 - i) Clarification about saying he "found". It doesn't mean he was searching for grace and found it.
 1. Salvation is an act of God's grace reaching man and then received. Noah discovered, the truth that salvation could never be found in himself. He procured God's grace by believing His word of condemnation and the only way of escape.
 2. The same truth is applicable to every individual who will ever "find" the grace of God all excelling in warning of condemnation and revealing the only way of salvation.
 - ii) Adam didn't search for God, God looked and searched for Adam.
 1. "And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?" (Gen. 3:9)
 - iii) God is always the Initiator, for man naturally never seeks after God.
 1. "There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God." (Rom. 3:11)
 2. The Shepherd always seeks after the sheep. (Lk. 15:4)

Lost, but Jesus saved me, saved me by His love;
Lost, but now He keeps me, for my rest above;
Lost, but Jesus found me, in the desert wild;
Lost, but He redeemed me, owns me for His child.

Lost upon the mountains of life's woe and sin;
Lost, but His free pardon, safely took me in;
Lost, but Jesus bought me, bought me with His blood;
Lost, but Jesus keeps me, in the narrow road.

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- e) He was a “just” a man” (Gen. 6:9)
 - i) He was just because of the grace of God.
 - 1. It is only by God’s grace we can be justified before God.
 - (a) When God saves a man He justifies him, for man is not justified by the works of the law (Acts 13:39), but by “grace” (Titus 3:7); “Blood” (Rom. 5:9); “faith” (Rom. 3:28).
 - (b) Observe that it is only AFTER salvation a man is justified by works. (Jam. 2:21)
 - 2. The finished work of Christ is what we depend on for our justification: “Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.” (Gal. 2:16)
 - 3) He was a perfect man. (Gen. 6:9)
 - a) Clarification of “perfect man”
 - i) It does not mean he was sinless, but he was upright in his generation.
 - ii) It is used four times of humanity in various aspects:
 - 1. “Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will he help the evil doers.” (Job 8:20)
 - 2. “Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.” (Psa. 37:37)
 - 3. “Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.” (Eph. 4:13)
 - 4. “For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.” (Jam. 3:2)
 - iii) Christ was the only fully perfect man, not only in what he did or did not do, but essentially in Himself.
 - 4) His salvation was evidenced in the life that he lived in his generation.
 - a) “If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.” (2 Cor. 5:17)
 - b) Walking with God means he walked in communion with God.
 - i) Adam hid because he had failed to walk in fellowship with God by disobeying His command (Gen. 3:8)
 - ii) Only of Noah and Enoch do we read they walked with God.
 - (a) “And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters”; “And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.” (Gen. 5:22, 24)
 - (b) “These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.” (Gen. 6:9)
 - c) We cannot walk with the world and walk with God.
 - 5) God talked to him. (Heb. 11:7)
 - a) We do not read of his talking with God but he listened to God and the result of that was:
 - i) He worked for God, building the ark. (Heb. 11:7)
 - ii) He moved with fear, that is, he lived in the reality that God is and he was accountable to God for what he heard.
 - 1. He built an ark for the saving of his house (Heb. 11:7), but it was available for the whole world. None could ever say there was no room for me.

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- iii) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of “wisdom” (Psa. 111:10); “knowledge” (Prov. 1:7).
 - iv) He preached the righteousness of God: “Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness” (2 Pet. 2:5)
- b) How blest to be able in truth to sing:

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
 The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
 And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
 None other has ever known.*

He speaks, and the sound of His voice,
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
 And the melody that He gave to me
 Within my heart is ringing.

May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.
John 16:13

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