

Remnant Life Church
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Traits of the Chosen
Gen 6:9-22

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- About this passage
 - The first time the word “covenant” is used in the Bible
 - Means an alliance or a pledge
 - From the beginning, God wanted to reestablish His relationship with us
 - From Adam and Eve even as He was banishing them from the garden (Gen 3:15)
 - To this point of ridding the world of sin completely and establishing the Noahic covenant (1 of 5 in the OT)
 - Adamic – Gen 1:27-30
 - Noahic – Gen 6:19
 - Abrahamic – Gen 17:1-8
 - Mosaic – Ex 19:5-6
 - Davidic – 2 Sam 7:5-16
 - What replaced these covenants?
 - The New Covenant of Jesus Christ - Lk 22:20
 - Another word of note – “ark”
 - In the original Hebrew – tay-vah – it means chest or ark
 - This word meaning is used only twice in the Bible
 - The first is here in Gen 6:14 – the structure used to save Noah and his family from the judgment of God
 - The second is in Ex 2:3,5 – the basket used to hide Moses
 - The structure used to save the one who would lead God’s people out of the bondage of slavery
 - In both cases, someone was saved or preserved by God’s mercy for His purposes that would change the world
 - Noah needed to be saved to preserve the line of man
 - The nation of Israel needed to be saved to preserve the line of the Savior
 - The Ark of the Covenant (ah-rrroan) is a different word that is unique to that artifact alone
- And so what were the traits of the one man that God was willing to save in a world filled with sin?
- What traits is God looking for today in His people as the world is, once again, filled with sin?
 - What is different between then and now?
 - No remorse for their sin (no moral compass today)
 - Filled with violent thoughts and actions (world-wide violence today)

- Refused to listen to God (the removal of God from our lives)
 - Prayer out of schools
 - 10 commandments removed from public places
 - Wrong application of “separation of church and state”
 - Thursday – Pres Trump signing EO repealing Johnson Law of 1954
 - Rejected repentance (no one claims responsibility)
 - Those traits remain the same today as they were in that day and we examine them as a description of the character of Noah
1. He was righteous (v 9a)
 - a. The definition of righteous from the original language is a person who is just in their conduct toward God AND man
 - i. Just - a word that is a legal term
 - ii. To be just is to be right in point of law, and when you are just in that way you are then entitled to all the blessings of the acquitted and justified.
 - iii. A man accused of a crime who is found to be just then is entitled to the blessing of freedom
 - b. In other words, Noah’s character of righteousness impacted the way he acted toward God and other people
 - c. Your actions will clearly demonstrate your character
 - d. A righteous man or woman behaves in that way
 2. Noah was blameless among the people of his time (v 9b)
 - a. The word blameless in the original language means to be sound, wholesome, having integrity, or something or someone in one accord with truth
 - b. Some versions use the word perfect
 - i. This should not be read as Moses was without sin; only Jesus!
 - ii. He lived differently than those around him
 - c. The people of his time or his generation
 - i. This is intended to clearly identify the difference between the righteousness of Noah and the sin of the people
 - ii. Would the people in your life be able to easily tell the difference between you and the world?
 - d. What did that mean?
 - i. Noah refused to compromise
 - ii. He refused to take the route of least resistance
 - iii. He stood his ground when everyone else was headed in a completely different direction
 3. He walked with God (v 9c)
 - a. Does that bring another patriarch to mind before Noah
 - b. Gen 5:21-24 – Enoch lived “only” 365 years then he was taken to heaven because “he walked with God”
 - c. Throughout Scripture God works through those who walk closely with Him

- d. How did Noah accomplish being righteous and blameless when everyone around him was wallowing in sin?
 - i. He walked with God!
 - ii. Don't expect to live a life of righteousness if you are not walking with Him
 - iii. What does that mean? Prayer – in His Word – Guarding your eyes, your heart, and your mind from the garbage of the world
 - e. **John 15:5** - *I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.* (Jesus speaking)
 - i. Some versions say “abide” instead of “remain”
 - ii. Abiding is synonymous with walking with God
 1. God was the vine
 2. Noah was the branch
 3. His righteous and blameless life was the fruit
 - iii. Again – if you don't abide with Him, if you don't walk with Him then don't expect to have a secure victory over the temptations of the world
4. Noah was close enough to God to hear His voice (**v 13a**)
 - a. Consider these words...*So God said to Noah...*
 - i. God told him of His plans to destroy the world
 - ii. But He also told Noah that he and his family would be saved
 - iii. His plan to save a remnant of humanity
 - iv. God finishes speaking by telling Noah that He was going to establish His covenant with him (**v 18**)
 - b. What keeps you from hearing God's voice?
 - i. A few weeks ago, we talked about some of the things that block God's voice – pride, too busy, never quiet or still, etc...
 - ii. The biggest hindrance is our unwillingness to just stop talking and listen
 5. Noah obeyed God (the simplest yet most difficult for humans to do)
 - a. *Noah did everything just as God commanded him to do* (**v 22**)
 - i. He did not try to get out of what God wanted from him like Moses (**Ex 4**)
 - ii. He didn't laugh at God like Abraham and Sarah did (**Gen 17, 18**)
 - iii. He didn't walk away from God like the disciples did (**Matt 26**)
 - iv. He didn't question God like Zechariah in the temple (**Luke 1**)
 - v. He simply obeyed!
 - b. Noah's actions reflected the prayer of Jesus in the garden, “*Not my will, but yours be done.*” (**Lk 22:42**)
- What was the result of how Noah lived?
 - First and foremost, Noah got to experience the work of God directly in and through his life
 - His family was also saved
 - When you live your life in righteousness and walk with God others can receive God's blessing as well

- Your wife/husband; your children; how about your place of work (like Joseph); or your dorm or classroom?
 - Your unwillingness to compromise, give in, or just do what everyone else is doing can make the difference in many lives
- God is still looking for and choosing His people to work in and through
- Do you exhibit the traits in your life so He can do that?
- What task can God trust you with to accomplish for the kingdom?
- Like Noah – you may get laughed at; ridiculed; called every name in the book but what are you willing to do in order to be that man, that woman of God can call on to, through His presence seen in you, save a family member, a friend, a classmate or a co-worker?
- If that is your desire this morning – say Amen!