

Noah walked with God

By Kevin Main

The man Noah is mentioned in both the Old Testament and the New Testament of the Bible. He was born during a timeframe when the Lord saw that the hearts of mankind were focused upon evil "continually". Due to this fact, God had it in mind to destroy man. After generations of bad decisions, the majority chose to wholly pursue evil. Noah was not one of those people. He chose to be righteous (Genesis 6:9). His example (and that of Enoch before him) demonstrates Humans are not inherently evil as Calvinists proclaim. "Noah Found Grace in the eyes of the Lord" because of the way he walked with God.

Noah is widely known for his obedience in building an ark by the commandment of the Lord. The ark saved Noah, his wife, sons, and daughters-in-law from the wrath of God upon the sinful via a worldwide flood. It is quite likely that those with Noah were saved to enable the repopulation of the earth (Genesis 9:1). However, consider the possibility that they were saved due to Noah's righteous instruction (2 Peter 2:5). God could have easily started humanity again from the rocks of the earth (Matthew 3:9). He could have repopulated earth with only Noah and his wife birthing children. God did not choose to just save two, He saved eight. In the book of Ezekiel, Noah is mentioned in the grouping of two other men: Daniel and Job. These also were righteous, God-fearing men. The text in Ezekiel establishes that no righteous man can deliver the souls of others, but rather souls are saved by their own righteousness that is by faith. Thus, again, consider the proclamation of righteousness by Noah. Noah walked with God and may very well have led to the obedient walk and salvation of those with him.

Another intriguing aspect of the life of Noah is that his father Lamech declared Noah would bring relief concerning the work of their hands upon the cursed ground. Recall that the ground of the earth (nothing else) was cursed when Adam and Eve sinned in the garden. Many consider this curse to continue today, however, the Bible does not substantiate this claim. In fact, the Bible refutes it. Following the flood, Noah and his family depart from the Ark. Noah then made an offering to the Lord. God declares that for the sake of man He will no longer curse the earth. Does He know that man will continue to conceive of evil even when young? Yes. However, the Eternal Father blesses man in their new beginning, desiring once again that they be fruitful and fill the earth.

Noah is a transitional character in scripture. He is the end of an era and the start of another. Noah walked with God and is an example of how important that is. Noah's life illustrates the impact of not only living righteously but sharing God's direction to live so. Noah could not save the world, but by proper recognition of God, he enabled the creation of another. He ended a curse, and he drew a blessing. Noah was only one person, but he was the right person. He was the person that God desired him to be.

Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	May 7, 2023 AM	May 7, 2023 PM	May 7, 2023 PM
Greeter	Dustin Desarro	Rick Ferris	Tom Muter
Announcements	Jason Bang	Owen Whittington	Tim Bang
Song Leading	Owen Whittington		Duane Kemp
Opening Prayer/Usher Left	Seth Arrell	Tim Bang	Chris McGiffin
Lord's Supper Comments	Tom Muter	Duane Kemp	Owen Whittington
Scripture Reading	Duane Kemp	Tom Muter	Jason Bang
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Tim Bang	Owen Whittington	Seth Arrell

Things you should know about...

We would like to send donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. If you want to contribute, mark it as "DRF" or give the money to Jason. The next donation will be sent after the end of June.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Doug Hoff 5/18 Owen Whittington 5/28
Curt Thompson 5/22

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Happy Anniversary!

John & Laura McGiffin 5/8
Doug & Marjorie Seiber 5/13
Matthew & Chelsea Wilson 5/27

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*Ladies you are invited to a Ladies Luncheon & Tea
Saturday, May 13th @ 11:30 am
Please see Chelsea to grab an invitation to give a lady you'd like to bring with you! Also, RSVP
by May 10th and be sure to check the sign up sheet to bring an item for the luncheon.*

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May 21st - Brief Men's meeting after AM services
If you have anything that needs addressed, please see John or Jason.

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*Ladies Bible Study - The God of All Comfort
Thursday, May 25th @ 6:45pm*

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Please help get some Spring cleaning done at the building.
We will meet to work on Saturday, May 27th @ 9:00am.

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Join us at our Family Life Workshop on June 24-25:
Parenting in the Digital Age
Presented by a team from the Lebanon Rd. Church of Christ in TN.

Please call or email John (jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com) with any prayer requests or announcements you have for the congregation.

This week's Bible Verse

“If you love Me, keep My commandments.” John 14:15

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Lord's Supper Reflection

*To Reconcile Us to God*

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Offering Meditation

*Your Gift to God Contributes to the Needs of the Saints*

“Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.” Romans 12:9-13

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Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- *Larry Bey - Parkinson's
- *Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - health
- *Sally Westover (Carrie Thompson's mom) - health, comfort, strength for the family/caregivers
- *Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - having issues with her vision and dementia
- *Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- *Caroline Stine - health
- *Rosalee Yoder - neck/shoulder issues
- *Cathy Degarma (friend of McGiffin's) - dealing with dementia
- *Carter Buckingham - needing an ultrasound on spleen/stomach area to find cause of pain
- *Friends and family of Allen Keesling (friend of Evelyn Lam) grieving his unexpected death
- *Tim Bang - health/pain
- *Josh Bang and family (family of the Bang's) - things going on in their family
- *Terry & Dorene McGiffin- both sick with COVID
- *Seth Arrell - got hurt at work

How can we be praying for YOU?

Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



May 7, 2023

Worship Times:

- Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am
- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

Minister, John McGiffin

4599 Children's Home Bradford Rd
Greenville, OH 45331

www.greenvillecoc.org

We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us today!
If you are visiting, we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card and let us get to know you.

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**Attendance and Contribution Record**

| Sunday, April 30 |    | Wednesday, May 3 |            |
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| Bible Classes    | 25 | Bible Classes    | 25         |
| AM Attendance    | 29 |                  |            |
| PM Attendance    | 27 | Contribution     | \$1,753.00 |