

The Testimony of Noah – 12
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Bible Text: [Genesis 7:5-7](#) ...

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Well, let's go ahead and open our bibles. Genesis, in chapter seven tonight, and we left off there in verse five of chapter seven, and it said there, Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded him. We're hearing this the second time; Noah did all according unto all that the Lord said. Now, what did he do? He believed, he believed God. And we know that he believed God because let's turn on over to Hebrews Chapter Eleven, you find Noah in Hebrews Chapter eleven, that wonderful we referred to sometimes as the faith hall of fame of the Old Testament, the full overcomers of the Old Testament. Thanks be to God we read of Noah here in verse seven. It says by faith Noah being warned of God of things not seen as yet. Wow, that sounds like our lives, isn't it? Isn't that something? 01:27

I was kind of laughing today, I can't see very well right here. What do they call that? nearsighted? And you can see why I see there. It's kind of interesting how, or is it farsighted? See, I knew it was something like that. That's something that's wrong here, besides this here. But I'm so thankful to God because I was taking my glasses off and saying I can't see anything here and I was looking here and I look out there and well, I can see out there. And I was thinking well, that's thank You Jesus, I'm farsighted, and I need to be farsighted, and I want to continue to be farsighted because this is the sight that's going to win Him. And this is the sight that God gave to Noah was the sight of seeing things that weren't yet. Calling those things that be not as though they were, we live that, don't we? Oh yes, we're looking at third story looking at the window. 02:28

That's where we see, that's where you want to see if you want this; it's the only place you're ever going to see it. You won't ever see it unless you get there, you got to be in that upper room and it's amazing, the word of God is amazing. He'll show it to you, and then He'll show it the other way. And we're going to touch on something again showing something to us, and it's not new truth, it's just the truth. And He shows you a layer of the truth and you say well, my oh my it's here, here, and here; it's everywhere. Well, because the truths the truth. Praise the Lord. But it says here, by faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. Isn't that something? And heir of God; heir, hallelujah of the righteousness which is by faith. 03:43

So, Noah believed, and believing is moving and preparing, and I want you to think about this, when God visited him, he prepared for about a hundred years, because it took about a hundred years to build that ark. And God visited him, and he prepared a hundred years. He believed that every single day, every day. Maybe he had some better days than

others, but praise be to God that ark was with him every day, because that was his calling, and he believed God. And you think about a hundred years, that's a lifetime. That's what he did, he believed a lifetime. And thanks be to God here we are. And by the grace of God, we hold that fast which we hast that no man take thou crown, we just believe a lifetime, and look at the thing that He's shown us, which is not yet, amen? I think it's pretty simple. I think the simplicity that's in the gospel of Christ, God shows you something and it's going to be by faith, and we know that faith is the evidence of things not seen. It's substance, we understand that but it's not going to be something that we see, it's going to be something that we believe in the word of God. 05:07

But God only shows us by the sight of faith, and thanks be to God, He's given us these eyes. But I want you to notice here as we go back to our text here in chapter seven it was a hundred years there, read verse six with me, and Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth; he was six hundred years old. Now that number six hundred is the number of a warrior; it represents a warrior and how he had to war believing God in faith all those hundred years because you know he had to be mocked, insulted. You know, no one had built a ship that big, and especially where he was building it, and it never rained. Rain had never come upon the earth. How's it ever going to flood? And thanks be to God he had to fight through that. He had to fight through with what he saw, fought what he had heard, what his friends would say, and we understand that there were believers of God at that time that didn't enter into this ark. We know that the word of God tells us that; they weren't all evil that died. So, the only way you're not evil is you have to know the Lord. So, there were ones that knew the Lord that perished in the flood just like there'll be ones that'll be left behind after the first trumpet rapture. Matter of fact the majority of Christians upon this earth will be left. That why it's called the innumerable multitude that'll join up later on in the tribulation. 06:48

But, for a hundred years he battled through, and at the time that he got in that ark praise be to God, he was true to the warrior. He had endured hardness as a good soldier, he had fought a good fight praise the Lord. But I also want you to think about this. It was about a hundred years and God had him get in that ark at six hundred, it was when he was five hundred when God spoke to him of the depth of this deliverance, So he was five hundred years old, and God singles him out and gives him this message. And you think about the number five hundred which is five one hundreds. Well, five is the number of grace, and the number one hundred is completion, so this message that he received is was grace's completion. So, the message for us, the crown gospel that will by the grace of God deliver us first is the message of grace's completion. With what we believe it's complete grace and we thank God for it, and that is the rapture that will rapture up us right on out of here, is the rapture of complete grace. 08:09

Now, let's go on, let's read from verse seven of chapter seven, and I'll tell you what, there's a lot of treasure in this little verse; seven-seven. And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood; Noah went in. Now, we know that Noah went in because God told us why earlier

on in this story, it's because Noah found grace. That's how this whole thing begins. Noah found grace in the sight of the Lord. You take grace brothers and sisters, and you go into anything God has, it must be by the grace of God. You grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; we thank the Lord for this. So, he found grace, and then God told him because of that grace here is the foreknowledge that I know of your life Noah, and we read that back in verse eighteen of chapter six because it says, but with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark. Isn't that glorious?
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Now the beautiful thing is He's telling Noah this and Noah hasn't even built the ark yet. And so, what the Lord is telling him, and not assuming, you're going to build that ark son. There's going to be days you're not going to feel like it, you're not going to think it's going to get done, you're going to think it's too overwhelming, but I'm going to tell you it's already done because you're getting in it. So, you're going to go prepare for a hundred years because of My foreknowledge. Because back in verse eight, let's go back there and read it of chapter six, but Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. Right? These are the generations of Noah, Noah was a just man and perfect in his generation, and Noah walked with God; all by the grace of God. All by the grace of God, so we thank the Lord that we know that because of God's grace Noah would come into that ark because said with thee; with thee, I establish My covenant. It's you because of My grace, and He knew that Noah would walk with Him. And know this brothers and sisters, grace walks with God because God is grace, and nothing will walk with God but grace because God has to give grace to walk with God.
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And Noah found grace just as Moses; remember we read about Moses on Sunday? He found grace in God's sight. I know that know thee by name, huh? Oh, we love that don't we? And I want you to think about us. We've even got the much the more because look at what we found in God's sight. Turn on over to Second Corinthians Chapter Nine. Thinking of all this grace, and all of this walking, and all of this foreknowledge, and all this you shall come in and with thee, I've established My covenant. All by grace, but here's what we got. 2 Corinthians 8:9. For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. How beautiful this is, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich. Now, let's flip that from 8:9 to 9:8. Go over to chapter nine, verse eight. So. He was rich, and He gave us this grace that through His poverty we might be rich. How rich is that? And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that you always, having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work. Praise the Lord. Well, I'll tell you what, if Noah did all according to all that God commanded him, we've even got a better thing. With all that grace and how rich He's made us in His poverty. Praise the Lord.
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So, we have this pattern of grace, and Noah brothers and sisters followed the same pattern of grace, and I want you to think about this now, as his great grandpa. Noah had a great grandpa, and Noah found grace and walked with God just like his great grandpa, and because he followed that pattern that was given by grace, that promise to him was

the same as to his great grandpa to be taken out prior from among the rest, and you know who his great grandpa was don't you? Enoch. Enoch walked with God and was not. Isn't that something? That's the very first rapture, and oh my what a rapture out from among them it was wasn't it? 14:29

Let's turn back one chapter, chapter five and let's read about Enoch here. Five twenty-one. And Enoch lived sixty and five years. So, he was sixty-five years, and he begat Methuselah, and Enoch walked with God. After he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters, and all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years, and Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him. Isn't that glorious, that's powerful, that's and He took him. That's like the twinkle of an eye, and He took him. Hallelujah. So, we're grateful to God that we have this that Enoch walked with God and was raptured alive; isn't that beautiful? So, see what Enoch shows us? What a bridal type that is. He didn't have to see death. He was raptured alive. And he was raptured out from others that believed the Lord. But what was so beautiful to my heart even thinking more about this was the Holy Ghost was ministering to me in this. Again, he's taken out from others, it was only him, it was much like Noah, and it's soon to be much like us, praise God. But you think of this, Noah's daddy; Noah's daddy was a man named Lamech okay? He was the grandson, so Noah's dad Lamech was the grandson of Enoch, alright? Because Noah was the great grandson, alright? Lamech was a hundred and fifteen years when Enoch was taken. So, Noah's daddy knew, and lived at the same time that Enoch was taken by God. Isn't that something? I think that's something. 16:41

Man, I'll tell you what, I'm so thankful I've had ones in my family that know this this truth that ministered to me that's alive Jesse. I had a grandpa, and I mention it many times, but he was sitting there in that hallway that he had fallen down in ready to die, cancer stricken all over his body. And I went down and looked at him feeling so bad ready to pick him up, and he looked up and his eyes were dancing, and all he could say was Jess, do you think He could come today? Now see, that ministered just as much to me as Noah's daddy Lamech telling him Noan, your great granddaddy was taken of God alive. He was walking out there, and we talked about God that day, and he was just so thankful. He loved the Lord, but he walked out there. It's real; it's real son. 18:08

The testimony of the Lord is important, I thank God, God ministers to us in these things. And you see, it had to be that way for Noah. Noah had to receive it through testimony, but he could have said, now wait a second, you're telling me that Noah's daddy was a hundred and fifteen years old, and Noah wasn't born yet. That's true, yep, it's very true because Noah was born a hundred and sixty-seven years after Enoch was taken. Yeah, that's truth. So, these people would have kids way on in their years, but I think that speaks to my heart as well too. This beautiful truth was given through Noah, through testimony through the word of the Lord. Sometimes brothers and sisters God's going to have to have us to wait in that patience having *her* perfect work, and the thankfulness of it's going to be by faith; by faith, by faith, by faith. See, that's like Thomas, you remember

he said unless He comes in here and He shows me, and I put my fingers in His hands I can't believe it. And here comes the Lord and says come on, come on over here Thomas, go ahead and put your fingers of your hand and thrust your fist right in my side son, and then the Lord said this, greater is them that have not seen and believe. There's a lot of faith in this room saints, it's been a long time. It's been a long time, but you know what? Them that are looking for Him He's going to appear. So, we thank God. 20:03

We abound in hope by the Holy Ghost. It's all by His Spirit isn't it, hallelujah? We're not better people, we're not special in ourselves, matter of fact we're the ones just like that one, who's going to get the most in heaven? The one that was forgiven the most. You know what a retched man you are, I pray you really do because then you might really enjoy the man God said that you will be, hallelujah. So, here we have these two; Enoch and Noah, and they walked with God and notice, I want you to think about that word that was used there, with. They didn't walk after God. Or behind God, they walked with God; that means to walk side by side. That means to walk as companions, that means to walk in a deep relationship. The depth of this Hebrews meaning, it means a connection of marriage. Isn't that glorious? You want to get out of here first like this, it's a connection of marriage. Yes, it is, the wife had made herself ready. 21:27

It's about marriage brothers and sisters. Marriage is all there is in the word of God in this place. Thank You God. And this type to us being translated out from among the others is a relationship of marriage to walk in and then be translated in; a relationship of marriage praise God, and then you get in the ark. You remember that from last week, don't you? They're all married in the ark, but they were married before they got in the ark; there weren't any kids in there. And I love the sister even sent this to me said even the animals were Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, and Mr. and Mrs. Elephant; it's the truth. I know we chuckle at it, but it's the truth. How deep does He minister to you? Weren't children that got in there. You won't find engagement in here, you can't. It doesn't exist at this time even in their culture. But if you try, you can try whatever you want to. Why would you try? Why would you try, don't do that. Don't try to bend it just because it feels better, you'll miss it. There's a lot of glory in these things, keep digging. Thank You Jesus. 22:58

So, only the readied wife will be translated out, and I do thank the Lord. It's becoming more, and more, and more apparent, and the reason is, is because when God shows you something brothers and sisters about the word of God in the word of God, He's going to show it to you throughout the word of God, and He will. And God willing, if the Lord tarry till Sunday it's so beautiful, I thank God. The word of God says it's of kings to search out a matter; I understand all that so sweetly, thankfully to God in all of this, but I will tell you as well as you know very, very well you don't go in here trying to find something, the Lord just shows it to you. He'll allow you to find it, and I thank God for that, and I do, I rejoice. Now, this is what happens when we believe all the word of God. Noah, he did according to all that God commanded him. Now, was that of his flesh or was it faith? It was faith, amen, we know it's faith, and what did he do? He believed and by the act of faith we inherit it. By faith, by believing, faith inherits the promises, and we thank

God, and we know this. Doing all is believing, and He does the good work when we merely believe just like the lily, it's in us in Christ, period. That's how God does this. 24:44

Now, there's a sweet little second nugget in this seventh verse of chapter seven, and we'll close with this one tonight. It says, and Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. Now, this second one notice here it's Noah's wives, and the three son's wives. So, we got four wives. It's a beautiful number; it's human weakness. Isn't that glorious? Think of how beautiful that is. Four is the number of the cherubim, four is the number of pillars that separated the holy place from the holy of holies. It has to be in that complete weakness, that complete stripping away of everything of us that it must be all of Him. 25:50

Now, all of these women that went into this ark isn't that amazing? They were all wives; yes, they were. Every one of the women that went in there were wives; they were married before they went in. The word of God tells us that there is no marrying, and there is no giving in marriage in the resurrection, or in heaven. I want you to think about that. There's no marriage in the resurrection, or in heaven, and there's no marrying or giving of marriage in the resurrection, or in heaven, and that is right. And the reason its right is because all of the marrying and giving in marriage happens here. Do you understand that? Did you catch that? We'll do it again. It's okay, remember how you had to be married to get in the ark? Okay. So, let's talk about that again, there is no marrying the word of God says. You'll find that in Luke, you'll find it in Matthew, as well as in Mark. 27:11

There is no marrying, or giving in marriage in the resurrection, or in heaven. Alright? So, what that means is marrying is the act of the marriage happening, okay? Giving in marriage is when someone is given to another to wed. Now, we understand brothers and sisters again on a surface level that we know that's also talking about mankind. Our marriages will not happen in a sense in that regard, but we even sometimes throw the word in there continuing, that words not there. There is a continuing marriage in heaven, and that's the marriage of the wife and the Lamb of God, but there's no marrying up there, and there's no giving in marriage because the marriage happens here, and it goes on, and on, and on, and on. 28:25

And I thank the Lord because it is such a peace to my heart. It's such a rest beyond that He's given us that. Hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thy crown. He's given me that, and I thank God that we have this encouragement. So, it even goes on and gets sweeter with these four wives because you know, all of these wives whether it's Noah's wife, or these three wives, you don't know their name; their names are never given. They're all know by one thing which is important brother. You know what that importance is? It's that they're the wife of their husband. Their husband's names are known, our Husband's name is known; isn't that glorious? And see, we know that that's us brothers and sisters, and we're so thankful that the wife of the Lamb, that's not just good enough for us, that's everything. I can't laugh too hard right now or I'll start a coughing; I've got to breathe. But the wife of the Lamb of God. Oh hallelujah. 30:00

I mention it this way as well as the Lord says it, is it okay with you, is it good enough for you to be called all them also? To them also that love His appearing. You think Paul got it all? I know he did, the bible tells us that doesn't it? And he said to them also that love His appearing. If you love Him as your Bridegroom now, do you love Him as your husband now? I'm not waiting for that, I have it now. He's shown that to me, I believe it now. He's shown me these things, I believe it now, and I'm just preparing. How do I prepare, I go out and believe it every single day. And by believing it every single day, do you know what happens? It builds, and then there's time it is a completely finished masterpiece and that's us now, but by the grace of God, I kind of see it as an ark. And I get on in there. We haven't gotten to this verse yet, but He shuts us in. And you know what? Just like He just told Noah a hundred years before he built that ark, the same things, he was already shut in because the Lord said you're going to get in there, you're going to build it, so it was with God. Whom He foreknew, them He did predestinate. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. 31:52

Noah didn't read this story while he was living, He was the story. Here's the story of glory; the story of glory. You going to let Him write it all upon you; the Author, and Finisher of your faith, huh? The Author and Finisher of your faith, you mean you don't get to write it? Thank You Jesus. He's the determiner isn't He Kathy? Aren't you happy honey, that's why you're laughing and smiling. Just shake your head, He's the Creator of it. That's the Author, there's no other input. If He's the Author, then it's done. Oh my, hallelujah. 32:55

So, we're so thankful we're of all them also, the nameless ones that win the crown with Paul, the only name written on us is His name, and His new name. What do you think about that? And you know what? We can wait for that to be revealed, don't we? But we know it because we believe., thank You Jesus. Precious little journey, isn't it? And that's where I thank God, and by the grace of God I'll just give you the word of God. Not what I think, it's the word of God think; it's the word of God. And by the Spirit, Lord just let us take it and give the increase. It's a mighty time. I sure love your faith because it is the faith of the Son of God. Let's stand and be dismissed. 34:01