The Testimony of Noah – 3
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Bible Text: Genesis 6:10 …

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All right sweethearts let's open to Genesis Chapter Six, we're back in the study of Noah, and let's remember all the way through, his name means rest. You want God's best, you rest. That's what grace does, grace causes you to rest, grace does not bring anxiety, grace does not bring strife, grace does not bring works. As a matter of fact, the complete opposite of all those things. Grace is rest, its peace, grace is joy because it's believing because that is what we believe in, the grace of God; that's what He wants us to believe in because that's Who He is, He's full of grace and truth. And the way we grow is the word of God tells us, is we grow in grace, and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Isn't that a wonderful barometer about growing in the Lord? It's got to be love. It's got to be love, that's what grace is, grace is love. If you're going to grow in trying, you're not going to grow; you're not. It's going to be built on unstable things; it's going to burn. You're wasting your time, in fact you're, well, it's a disappointment; we don't need to go there. 01:22

But tonight, we're going to the tenth verse. It's been exciting how the Lord's been laying this out for us. We saw how in the eighth verse Noah was introduced to grace, they had an appointment and that's what did it for his life just like yours. You found grace because God had you to find it, and you found all grace because that's what He revealed unto you. And then from those generations of Noah we saw last week, this perfect order that from grace that made him just, and it made him perfect, and then how thankful we are; that's why he walked with God, because God did it all. Noah rested, but God did it all, and he walked, and he walked with the Lord. And so, when those things happen it's amazing what you'll believe, you'll be like Noah, you'll believe that God's called you to build an ark in the middle of a desert; never seen rain, going to take me out of here. He's going to save my family and me, and that's what He's promised. I'm going to have to wait about a hundred years for it. But I know Whom I've believed, I'm persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day, amen? I think we're in good standing. I think we just stay with the word of God, and as thou hast believed, so will it be done unto you. There will be a performance of those things that you've heard from the Lord; that's the way God works, He's not a liar, He doesn't double-talk, and His promises are yea, and amen; they're good, they're yours, He doesn't take them back, they're freely given, take them. 03:19

Now, we go to the tenth verse. Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Now, I want you to notice again the order here. Now, looking at this you'd almost think well, this is by age, but it's not by age, this wasn't the sequence of how and when they were born, and let's look at this for a minute because what God is going to lay out here is some interesting and beautiful details that will speak to us in prophesy, and in type and shadow tonight again rank, order, whom He foreknew, and brothers sisters there's a different inheritance all the way along for different ones. So, if we go to Genesis 10:21 we'll read here about Japheth and

notice what it says here. And, unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder. So Japheth was Shem's older brother, even to him were born *children*. Alright? So, we know that Japheth is older than Shem. So. let's now look to Ham, and you go to chapter nine verse twenty-four, and we'll be back in this section of scripture here tonight, but it says when, Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger, or that word translates, the youngest son had done unto him. So, Ham was the youngest son. So, what we have here is Japheth is the oldest brother, Shem is the middle brother, and Ham is the little brother. 05:10

Now, the importance of this is God just doesn't put His word together for nothing, there's a meaning in all these things, and there's a divine order just like the divine order of verse nine as we saw all of those things proceed, and then he walked with God. It's the same thing here is with the Lord Who He foreknew, and yes chosen of God, and in this these three names, and in the order of these three names we see a ranking, and we're going to see that even later here as it comes forth. But first off, I even want to talk about that inheritance that is revealed in each of these names. First of all, that name Shem. It means a name; Shem means a name of fame; it means a name of glory. We're going to understand here momentarily Shem is the line of Abraham, Shem is the line of Jesus Christ. Shem we will see received through the prophesy of Noah the highest blessing of all three of the sons. So fittingly Shem's name means fame and glory. I want you to think about this, in regard to, the bride. And the way you can think about this is over there in Revelation Three. Shem again, the definition is a name, but it's a name of glory, it's a name of fame; he received the highest of the reward. 06:52

Let's read here in Revelation Three from verse ten of the church of Philadelphia. Jesus says, because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Now, we know by the grace of God He's speaking to us. We have been given the ear to hear the Spirit to the church of Philadelphia. We have been given the faith as a Noah that was waiting to be lifted out in an ark, we're ready to be lifted out before the tribulation comes, amen? That's why they say, that's why he says to them right there, you've kept the word of my patience, I'll also will keep thee from the hour of temptation. I believe Noah kept the word of His patience for about a hundred years building a ship. Amen? And he was lifted out. I take encouragement from that; I don't think anything's hard for God. Amen? Now He flooded the whole earth for that one, for this one rise up My love, My fair one and come away: done, hallelujah. 08:13

Now, it goes on in verse eleven, more encouragement to us. Behold, I come quickly, hold that fast which thou hast; praise the Lord? Do you have it, do you have the crown, that no man take thou crown, amen? What's more? Nothing. Do you have everything? Yes, Sunday we rejoiced in it did we not, amen? And was it because we chose Him? No, I have chosen you. Thank You God just like You chose Noah, He chose you and I thank the Lord because that has kept the word of My patience, has spared from the tribulation, behold I come quickly, hold that fast which thou hast. I thank the Lord; I take that encouragement

with Noah. He had the ship, he had the plan, he had the pattern, he was given that, he was building it. He had it, did he not? It was like before him, he built it like the Lord gave Him instruction. There's a masterpiece being built as the Lord gives us instructions right now; right now. An ark is going to be lifted out of here, the ark praise God. Our precious Lord and Saviour is going to do it. 09:30

Now, behold I come quickly, hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thou crown, him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out, and I will write; now remember we were talking about the name of Shem, right? Same glory, a name, highest reward, him that overcometh, and this is the only group, the only church that it goes on to talk about this name; this name, I'll write thee a name, now let's listen about this name. I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God which is New Jerusalem. And we know who New Jerusalem is, it's the bride adorned descending out of heaven and having the glory of God amen? There, so we're not in any doubt who this is, and this name that's being written upon her. So, I'll write upon him the name of My God, the name of the city of My God which is New Jerusalem which cometh down out of heaven from My God, and I will write upon him My new name. Isn't that glorious, that's like a Shem, it just needs a name, a name. That's the most glorious thing, praise God, and here's how you get it. He that hath an ear let him hear. What are you hearing? I know what you're hearing, I'm hearing the same thing praise the Lord. That's why we come here; we hear this. We hear this, this is what He's given us in our hearts, we want to hear this. I don't want to hear anything else; I want to hear this because I know this. This is what He desires the most, and He's God, and He loves us, and I want what He wants. Let me tell you something, He Wants you. So, we should want one another, somedays coming if Jesus tarry its glory. I get excited about what He does, I think you do too. 11:37

So, the name, the name, the new name and we know the name of this bride praise God, its glory, its fame, it's the name of the Bridegroom that's written upon her, it's all about the name of glory written upon the bride for the Lamb, the glory of God revealed, praise the Lord. So, there we have Shem, now we go Japheth. His name means wide or enlarged. So, Shem is the line of Abraham which goes through and becomes the line of Jesus Christ. So, you can see that Shem is the line of the Jew, amen? Wonderful. Japheth we're going to see is the line of the Gentiles. This is a glorious thing here because out of Noah and his children really comes out the population of the world. That's where it was repopulated from again. here's how the peoples come forth. So, finally we have Ham, his name means hot. We're going to find out that it was kind of sad, but a curse was put upon him, and specifically it was put upon his son Canaan. Isn't that something? We'll read that here in a minute, but it's specifically on his son Canaan, the father of the Canaanites. That line that came out of Ham they worshipped idols. They fought with God's people, but I want you to think about this, Ham's son was Canaan; Canaan, they had the land of the promise, they had that. They had that land, and then they were supplanted by the Jew because the promised land was always the land of Canaan, which was for the Jew, but that's who had it first. 13:30

So, let's go back and read what we're talking about here, and this is the moment after the flood to really understand this. So, let's go back to Genesis Chapter Nine, and I want you to know, I don't know how the Lord will sequence anything with these things, I just show up and I thank God for it. You study, but it's like okay, where we jumping in tonight, and how's this going to go? And I thank the Lord, He's got it and I'm excited about it. So, in Genesis Chapter Nine, and let's begin reading from verse twenty. So, this is right after the water is gone, and it says, and Noah began *to be* a husbandman, and he planted a vineyard. And he drank of the wine and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. Now notice this. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father. What did he do? and he tells his two brethren that were without. And Shem and Japheth took a garment, they laid *it* upon both their shoulders, they went backwards, covered the nakedness of their father; their faces *were* backward; their faces were backward, they saw not their father's nakedness. And Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his younger son had done unto him. And he said, Cursed *be* Canaan; a servant of servants; did you hear that? Cursed *be* Canaan; that's Ham's son, a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. There you go. 15:51

Now, this is the inheritance of each of the sons. Canaan, or Ham's son was made a servant of servants. He would always serve the descendants of Shem and Japheth. Japheth would be expanded, or extended on his inheritance, but it was Shem if you notice this, notably it said the God of Shem, did you catch that in verse twenty-six? Blessed *be* the LORD God of Shem, that pointing out gives reference in a sense to us that Shem knew the Lord. He was marked out as a true worshipper who knew God. And Shem's line again is the line of the Jew through Abraham all the way down to Jesus Christ. So, God knew, and He knew well the heart of these men. As we began this study, Noah found grace, but we see here that Noah was still a fallible man, wasn't he? A fallible man that was always kept and placed by grace, and his life would end up no other place but the eleventh chapter of Hebrews as a full overcomer of the Old Testament. Amen. Amen. 17:17

No matter what, and God knew the hearts of his sons; God knew it. And He knew that Shem and Japheth would cover the sin. And did you notice, not just cover the sin, they would not look upon the sin. Brethren, by the grace of God really listen to that. You want the best, you want the inheritance, get the love of God in your life. Get the love of God in your life, get the love of grace in your life, be those that are spiritual that restore. This is important, they are spiritual, they are the men who love the grace of God; they are men by the grace of God that are merciful. They love their brother in the Lord. They love their brother in the Lord, and his name is dad. They know this drunkenness is not the man of God, they know the drunkenness is not their dad, they know he's God's man; they know that. And they protect, and they honor their brother their dad. 18:50

Now, as we take this to heart brothers and sisters really think about this. Noah's drunkenness would have never ever even been known by Shem or Japheth if Ham would have

covered it right there. It would have never been known. I rather recently had to make something known because he wanted discord, and it's sad, and it effected, God's still within control. God forbid that would be you or me, stay away from it. Ye that are spiritual restore. 19:47

Now again, Ham had the opportunity. Brothers and sisters, our nature is to look upon those kinds of things, it just is. Man wants to find things out, man wants to report, expose, dig up the dirt, huh? I believe we have a Saviour that not only covered our sin, but even forgot about our sin. I believe there's a word called justified which can be interpreted just as if you never sinned. Do you believe that in your life? Do you believe the Lord is up there today thinking about your sin? Well, that would be very odd wouldn't it when He took it all away? He took it at the cross so it would never exist for you. Why would I want to look upon the lie of my brother, huh? You see, when those things happen, and those that want to go that way, they will devour themselves, they will devour their family; I seen it, you have too. I've seen fathers turn on their own children and destroy, or at least try to their own children and their own grandchildren because that condemnation can get so a hold of your life the enemy gets in, and in your mind becomes a reprobate mind, it cannot make the right decisions, it works against itself. You go mad. 22:01

We had an elder that recently went with the Lord, went to be with the Lord. I remember recently him telling that saint you don't stop this, and the Lord will take your mind. Thank the Lord for men of God that speak the truth. Thank the Lord for the wounds of a friend, rather than the kisses of an enemy. We can think that we're reporting something good, something valuable that needs to be known. You know what discord is, when you divide brethren that's discord. You do not want to do that. I thank the Lord, by the grace of God let us dwell together. It's good, it's pleasant, it's a lovely thing. And seek that unity of the Spirit in our brotherhood. 23:13

So, we see that there was a great cost to this. Japheth, Shem, they were told what happened, they didn't go tell somebody else did they? They didn't become as they say the daisy chain, or playing telephone; don't let that happen in this meeting. When you hear those kinds of things, stop it. When you hear those kinds of things in love, I would encourage you to correct your brother or sister in the Lord; NO, we don't need to do that. There was a time I quit coming down to the gym a long time ago because it became a place like that, and I felt like I was feeding into it. This is sinful flesh God help us; God help us, let's not tend to that. 24:28

Now, it's interesting again Jesus took away the sin, Jesus remembers the sin no more, and the Lord goes on in the word of God. He doesn't want us to be a busybody, does He? We know the scriptures. Often times that seems to be omitted when people are bringing out their lists. How about gossip, that's no one you find often on the list. Brothers and sisters Brother Hill pointed this out and I was so thankful. It's always been ingrained in my heart. We want to speak the truth in love in the word of God. But now I'm speaking of truth, just because something is the truth doesn't mean it always needs to be told. I appreciated as the word of

God says, meditate on these things. The true, the true, who you truly are. See, that was the heart of Japheth and Shem. When they heard that about their dad, their brother in the Lord they knew that wasn't their dad. That's not dad, that's not our brother, we'll bury that, put it upon their shoulder, they bore that, it hurt, sure we don't like our brethren to be in different things, but we know it's not them. Do You really believe it? John Hill's testimony when he came into that office, and he was smiling so goofy, it isn't me, that's not me. One of the greatest testimonies I ever received in my life, greatest sermons; three words, that's not me. Huh? that's the overcomer. 26:52

Now, so Ham had the opportunity to yield, and had the greatest blessing in a sense to be spiritual, be loving in grace. So, instead he chose to look upon that sin, instead he chose to report about the sin, and again as I mentioned his line Canaan, that land was the Canaanite's land first. But when Ham goes out and points out that fault, Ham is looking on the failure telling about it, that will cost you your inheritance, it will. Being judgmental, condemning. I pray we, as a people of God would awaken out of that wicked slumber.; love, cover, and restore. 28:00

Now, I don't want to be a servant, do you? That's what. That's what Canaan ended up with. If that's what you want, that's what you'll get. Those were the ones brothers and sisters that went back, they turned back, oh ye foolish Galatians. Having begun in the Spirit, are you now made perfect by the flesh? Huh? Paul went on to say, if I preach any other gospel unto you, let me be accursed. It's the grace of God, and nothing but. So, we see that God does not want us focusing on the flesh; He doesn't. God doesn't want us focusing on the sin. We understand even in the New Testament He brings these things out, but I thank God, but that is not of us, we are not of them, amen? You can start to think, you know I can run around here and bark as much as I want like a dog, I'm not, I'm a human, we're born of God; that's even more, praise the Lord. So, we see that focusing on the flesh, that's the legalist way pointing out the sin instead of covering it. I want to believe God, and I want to look at the blood on the mercy seat, how about you? Huh? 29:48

Isn't that amazing about the Cherubim, they're that close the wings are kissing. They're in that fellowship, but they're not looking at one another, nope, they're looking at the blood; but their life and the brother's life, they're looking at the blood, the blood that covers a multitude of sin, huh? You want to win that's where it's at. Shem's reward is the line of Abraham, the line of Jesus Christ the Jew. Japheth as I mentioned earlier is the line of the Gentiles. Now I want you to think about that. Japheth name means long, large, expanded. Well, we know that the Gentiles even refer to in the word of God as to the sea. Alright. The Jew is spoken of as the lamb in Revelation; the Gentile is the sea. You think about Japheth and being in a sense the father of the nations of the Gentiles. You go and look at his lines, and where those people settled out was in the place of Corinth in the place of Ephesus, in the place of Phillipi, huh? And it was the Apostle of the Gentiles, the Apostle Paul that had a meeting with them later on to bring forth the message of Christ and His bride, and here we are tonight, we're reaping that benefit aren't we, praise the Lord? 31:32

And then finally again then we go back to Ham, Egypt, Canaan, Cush. You know, you look at that and say oh it's such a loss, but you know we can't just throw Ham out of the bus right now, because without him without his son Canaan we would have never had a Rahab. What would we do if we didn't have Rahab. Well, we wouldn't have the line of Christ; isn't that something? Isn't God's grace grand? What about there in Matthew Fifteen about that Canaanite woman whose daughter was possessed by a demon who sought out the Lord and Jesus even called her a dog. And yet she says but yet a dog would eat from the crumbs of Your table. And all Jesus could say thy great faith, huh? What happens if we didn't have that? Thy great faith, and again what does He say to her? Same thing, as thou hast believed, so be it done, and her daughter was healed. Huh? Don't write them off, don't you dare write them off. Jesus always also surprises this woman, He's something. 33:16

Now, finally and this'll be a little bit shorter tonight, but this prophesy that was uttered by Noah, and this prophesy that he utters here to his three sons. Ham lined the Canaanites, what did he say there? You're going to be a servant of servants; you know that right? When Joshua came into the land of Canaan, that was one of the first things they did, they defeated the Canaanites, and they made them their servants. When Solomon came in, and God gave Solomon great strength, blessed his kingdom he took over the different places, and again those Canaanites were his servants. So, we see that that came to pass. Now, the final one which is beautiful, and which is really ours is it said Shem, and the LORD God of Shem. Shem would again have the servant, and Ham's line being his servant, but it also said that his brother Japheth, the Gentile would live in his tents, amen? I want you to think about that; live in Shems tents. Shem's the Jew, but here comes the Gentile to live in Shem's tents. The Jew had it all didn't they, but they were taken out and we were grafted into what they had. 35:05

I think that's pretty beautiful; the supplanters I guess as the Lord's grace has made us, but now we dwell with Him. He's brought us in hasn't He? And think again, I just rejoice in the layers that are in this that speak to us. Brothers and sisters, may we really take this? And especially tonight in the encouragement of the mercy of the Lord upon our lives, surely goodness and mercy shall follow you. And to receive mercy what do we need? We need to be merciful, full of mercy. Do you like to see your brothers fail? I don't, I like to see them be increased because it increases me too. And when our brothers hurt, by the grace of God I pray that we would hurt with them. We don't like to see sad things, hurtful things to one another. No matter what that person's even been doing, we might foresee that the Lord's going to do something, but I pray that we would say Lord, if Thou will. You ever pray for somebody like that? Lord, this looks like the greatest of train wrecks is going to happen. 36:43

Have you ever prayed for your child like that? Lord, I know it's going to be rough, but you're a merciful God; You're a merciful God. Lord, help us to be an increase of a vessel of mercy, and it's happening because I'm seeing lots of glory around here. If you want glory, you know that's who gets it don't you? The bible says that; it's the vessels of mercy. Not the vessels of condemnation, not the vessels of judgment, not the vessels of how to get your life

right, brothers and sisters I know that God does a wonderful job chastening our hearts, I mean marvelous. I believe I'm speaking to myself here when I set out to do the things, and even if I got into them, I thought I was going to have so much fun that I knew I shouldn't be doing, I sure didn't have any fun. Maybe for a moment, but then ooh. 38:02

He's so lovely, I love how He loves through us. One of the greatest and sweetest things of my life is watching Him love through my life because I know that's not me, and I have to tell you I marvel. Because I know, I know really, I know who I am, but for God I'd be there's the depth He's shown me even recently over these last couple years. I didn't even want to see that, but it's been glorious because You can do that in this guy. My brethren don't have anything to worry about; nothing - nothing. He can have this guy preach this grace, oh you got it made, I'm happy for you, I'm happy for me. It's a good night for Jesus to come what do you think, huh? It's a good night for Jesus to come. Alright, let's stand and be dismissed. 39:25