Lessons from Noah

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Romans 15:4, "For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." We want to look at the story of Noah and see the similarities between the salvation of Noah and our salvation today. Notice that Noah was saved by... and we are saved by... Let's look at each of these points one at a time, beginning with how Noah was saved by grace....

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Gen. 6:1-7, "Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

Gen. 6:8, "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD."

Gen. 6:18, "But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark-you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you."

Rom. 3:23, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Rom. 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Eph. 2:4-8, "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God."

Matt. 26:28, "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Next, we see Noah was saved by faith...

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What is Faith?

Heb. 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Heb. 11:7, "By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith."

Rom. 10:17, "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved..." We also see that Noah was saved by obedience...

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Gen. 6:22, "Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did."

Gen. 7:5, "And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him."

Gen. 7:8-9, "Of clean animals, of animals that are unclean, of birds, and of everything that creeps on the earth, two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female, as God had commanded Noah."

Gen. 7:16, "So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in."

Matt. 7:21, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."

Heb. 5:8-9, "though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him."

I John 5:3-4, "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

And Noah was also saved by water...

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Gen. 7:21-23, "And all flesh died that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every man. All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died. So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive."

I Peter 3:20, "...the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water."

I Peter 3:21, "There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

II Peter 3:3-7, "knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

II Thess. 1:7-9, "And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power."

Let's review the things by which Noah was saved and how that compares to our salvation....

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We need to notice that there are two parts of Salvation;

- 1. God's Part, which involves mercy and grace.
- 2. Man's Part, which involves faith and obedience.

God has done His part. He has provided us with a plan of salvation by sending His Son, Jesus Christ who died and shed His blood on the Cross. By His Mercy and Grace God has done His part of the plan of salvation, there is nothing else for Him to do.

The rest of our salvation depends upon us doing our part, Faith and Obedience. God said salvation is ours if we will;

1. Hear His Word	Romans 10:17
2. Believe	Acts 16:31
3. Repent	Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38
4. Confess	Matt. 10:32-33; Romans 10:10
5. Baptized	Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; I Peter 3:21

6. Live Faithful II Peter 1:4-11; Rev. 2:10

God has done His part. The question is...

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Are You Doing Your Part To bring about your salvation?