

Noah Devotion

Scripture:

"But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God." (Genesis 6:8-9, NIV)

"By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith." (Hebrews 11:7, NIV)

Devotion:

Why did God remember Noah? Genesis tells us that Noah was "a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God." That's the kind of person we all want to be-righteous, blameless, and faithful. But if we look closer, we see something deeper at work.

Noah wasn't remembered by God because he was good enough or because he earned it. The Bible says, "But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord." (Genesis 6:8, NIV) That word "favor" means grace. God's grace came first. Noah's righteousness was a result of God's grace, not the other way around.

It's easy to think that if we just try hard enough, God will notice us. But the truth is, God knows our hearts. He gives grace and mercy, not because we deserve it, but because He loves us. Noah's story

is a reminder that it's not about our goodness or merit-it's about God's grace and mercy.

Hebrews 11:7 tells us that Noah became "heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith." Noah was made right with God because he trusted Him. It was faith-believing God and acting on His word-that set Noah apart.

We can't earn God's favor. Like Noah, we are called to trust God, walk with Him, and receive His grace by faith. That's what makes us righteous in His eyes.

Reflection Questions:

- Do you ever feel like you have to earn God's love or favor?
- How does it change your perspective to know that God's grace comes first?
- What does it look like for you to walk by faith today, trusting God's promises?

Prayer:

Father, thank You for Your grace and mercy. Help me to trust You and walk with You by faith, not trying to earn Your favor but receiving it as a gift. Make me righteous, not by my own efforts, but by Your grace through faith in Jesus. Amen.