



WEDNESDAY EVENING

AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: Noah's Ark

Passage: Genesis 8:1

Speaker: Youth Pastor Trevor Hampton

Introduction: Tonight, we're going to look at what it truly means to walk in obedience to God. Obedience isn't about earning blessings or proving ourselves—it's about loving and trusting the One who calls us. Through the life of Noah, we'll see that obedience doesn't earn God's favor, it requires real effort, and it is never forgotten by God. Let's open our hearts to what God wants to show us about faithful obedience.

I. Realize Obedience Doesn't Earn Blessings.

Noah did not earn God's grace, it is impossible, but at the same time God saw Noah and decided to bless him.

The motivation for our obedience can not stem from trying to earn blessings, but instead must come from a sincere love for God!

If God asks us to something, we ought to do it. Not because we want His favor, but because we love Him!

II. Realize Obedience Takes Effort.

Noah was called by God to work. This obedience that he showed was not easy or short.

"Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. And this is the fashion which



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thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.” (Genesis 6:14-16)

“And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.” (Genesis 6:19-20)

“For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.” (Genesis 7:4)

“In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.” (Genesis 7:11-12)

“And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry. And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.” (Genesis 8:13-14)

Noah didn’t fully understand all that God was talking about. He didn’t need to understand, he just needed to obey and have confidence that God would take care of the rest.

God calls all His children to serve Him. Obedience starts with sacrifice and ends with strength.

III. Realize Obedience is Never Forgotten by God.

God never forgot about Noah and all that he sacrificed.

Sometimes in the waiting periods of life, its easy to think that God has forgotten about us, but the truth is that He doesn’t forget about us.



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Conclusion: Let us remember that true obedience flows from a heart fully surrendered to God—not one seeking to earn His favor, but one responding to His grace. Obedience takes effort, yes, but it builds strength in us and in the body of Christ. And though it may feel unseen or uncelebrated, your obedience is never forgotten by God. He sees every act of service, every sacrifice, and every step of faith. So the question remains: Will you continue to obey, even when it's hard? Even when you don't see the immediate reward? God is worthy of your full obedience—not just in moments of passion, but in a life of consistent, faithful surrender. Let's choose to walk in sustained obedience, trusting that God is working through it all.



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