

The Mount of Success

Genesis 6:5-8

Introduction:

“The word righteous was used for the first time in the Bible to describe Noah, and Noah is the first person in the Bible to receive God’s grace.”

What Do You Do with Spiritual Success?

1. There are the wrong things you can do with success:
 - ♦ Brag, say “I told you so.”
 - ♦ Look down on the unsuccessful and say “I’m going to sit down and rest”.
2. There are the right things to do with success.
 - ♦ How can I use my success as a platform to reach people for Christ?
 - ♦ How can I use my success to leverage my life in obedience to Christ?
 - ♦ What promise can I receive from God that can be passed on to the next generation?
 - ♦ How can I mentor the next generation to face the challenges of life?

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I. The faithfulness of Noah to God. (V. 5-11)

A. Noah retained his righteousness in a world of corruption.

And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Genesis 6:5

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They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. (V. 13) Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: (V. 14) Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: (V. 15) Their feet are swift to shed blood: (V. 16) Destruction and misery are in their ways: (V. 17) And the way of peace have they not known: (V. 18) There is no fear of God before their eyes. Romans 3:12-18

B. Noah retained his reverence in a world of compromise.

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II. The faith of Noah in God. (V.12-14)

A. He had the faith to take God at His word.

And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Genesis 6:13

“How great was Noah’s faith? He believed in rain that had never fallen and a boat that had never been built.”

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. Hebrews 11:7

B He had the faith to do God’s work.

Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. Genesis 6:14

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

And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; 2 Peter 2:5

“There is a theme throughout the Bible of the use of an ark. The ark becomes a sign of deliverance. Moses and an Ark of bulrushes, Israel and the Ark of the Covenant.”

III. The favor of Noah before God.

Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. 1 Peter 3:20

(Is What You’re Doing Worth God Waiting For You To Finish?)

A. He received the favor to escape a perverted world.

“When Noah obeyed, God shut the door-keeping the flood out, and Noah in, where it was totally safe. We can always trust God, hold onto Him, and be confident He’s holding onto you.”

- Adrian Rogers

And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in. (V. 17) And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. Genesis 7:16-17

“The same water that drowned his enemy bore him up to safety.”

B. He received the favor to experience a pleasurable world.

What Is So Sweet About the Mount of Success?

- ◆ The victory was personal, only Noah new the depth of such a victory.
- ◆ He walked into the ark in the minority, but came out in the majority.
- ◆ He walked into the ark looking foolish, but he came out famous.
- ◆ He walked into the ark looking like a lunatic, but he came out a legend.
- ◆ He walked into the ark looking like a joke, but came out with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

*“Can you imagine having the opportunity to make your world all that you wish it to be?
Only God can do that for you.”*

And God spake unto Noah, saying, (V. 16) Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. (V. 17) Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. Genesis 8:15-17

*“He walked into the ark facing the greatest problem the world had ever known,
but came out to receive the greatest promise the world would ever receive.”*

***I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.
Genesis 9:13***