



A GRACIOUS STEWARD

NOAH FROM GRACE TO FAITH

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“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report. 3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. 4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. 5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. 7 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 11:1-7)

INTRODUCTION

“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.” (Genesis 6:8)

Quote: “When grace transforms my motivation, it will alter my living.”

1. FAITH _____

Quote: “Faith is a conviction practically operative on the will and character. It is a belief that affects one’s behavior.”—**The Oxford English Dictionary**

A. In _____

SUBSTANCE

Definition: *substance*—confidence, that which has a firm foundation, that which is real

Quote: “Faith is to a Christian what a foundation is to a house. It gives confidence and assurance that he will stand.”—**Warren Wiersbe**

Definition: *of things hoped for*—to hope with full confidence

Quote: “Faith enables the believer to treat the future as present, and the invisible as seen.”—**J. Oswald Sanders**

EVIDENCE

Definition: *evidence*—a convincing proof, that by which a thing is tested

Quote: “Now faith is the substance [that is, the guarantee] of things hoped for...’ And remember what *hope* means. It means assurance based on the promise of God mingled with anticipation. *Faith* is the guarantee of things that God has promised, that we anticipate having; it is the evidence of things not seen.” —**Adrian Rogers**

Quote: “When God says it, that settles it.”

“He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.” (Romans 4:20–21)

THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR FAITH

1. Our faith is built upon the historical record of Christ’s life, death, and resurrection from the dead.

“To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:” (Acts 1:3)

2. Our faith is built upon the authority of the inspired Word of God.

“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.” (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

“So then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17)

B. In _____

Definition: *rewarder*—one who pays wages, bestows rewards

Quote: “The greatest decision in Noah’s life was not his decision to build the ark, it was his decision to walk with God.”

“These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.” (Genesis 6:9)

2. FAITH _____

A. In _____ to God’s Word

NOAH BELIEVED GOD’S WARNING

NOAH ACCEPTED GOD’S 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)

Quote: “Obedience is deeply more than begrudging duty. It is a response of joyful willingness captured by God’s glory, goodness and grace.”—**Paul David Tripp**

Quote: “No one had seen or anticipated judgment through a flood; Noah saw it by faith.”—**Warren Wiersbe**

NOAH FOLLOWED GOD’S INSTRUCTIONS

B. In _____ to God’s Power

Definition: *moved with fear*—to act cautiously, circumspectly to beware, fear to stand in awe of, reverence

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: And the knowledge of the holy is understanding.” (Proverbs 9:10)

3. FAITH _____

A. In Building _____

Definition: “*prepared*”—to furnish with all things necessary, to equip and make ready

*“And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.”
(Genesis 7:5)*

REQUIRES SACRIFICE

“There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?” (John 6:9)

REQUIRES LABOR

“And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.” (Genesis 6:3)

Quote: “What we often wait for God to do for us He wants to do through us.”

B. In Saving _____

Definition: *salvation*—deliverance or preservation from harm or punishment

A PLACE OF SALVATION

“But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” (Matthew 24:37-39)

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

A PLAN OF SALVATION

“I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.” (John 10:9)

CONCLUSION



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