

PRAYER

Be gracious to me, O God, just as You were gracious to Noah. Never let me fall from faith; never take Your Holy Spirit from me. Even if others should fall away, preserve and keep me forever. Amen.

Memory

1. "Do not have any other gods besides Me" (Exodus 20:3).
2. "By faith Noah, when he was warned about the things no one could foresee, respected God and built an ark to save his family, and by such a faith he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith" (Hebrews 11:7).

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First Commandment

Noah's Ark



God says to you in the first commandment,
"Do not have any other gods besides Me"
(Exodus 20:3).

THIS MEANS you must do and believe things
that other people might not want to believe or
accept.

Bible Reading: Genesis 6:5-21, 7:15-17, 21-23

Questions and Answers For Understanding This Bible Story

1. Why did God decide to flood the world with water?

God decided to flood the world with water because “the people on earth were very wicked and in their hearts were always thinking only evil.” That is to say, the people of the earth had thrown away God’s first commandment, which says, “Do not have any other gods besides Me” (Exodus 20:3). By always thinking evil, the people on earth were not thinking about God’s commandments and promises.

2. What did God tell Noah to do? Why did God say this to Noah?

“The LORD was gracious to Noah.” God told Noah to build the ark because God wanted to save Noah and Noah’s family from death. God also wanted to save all the animals so that they could fill the earth again after the flood went away.

3. God says in His Bible, “By faith Noah, when he was warned about the things no one could foresee, respected God and built an ark to save his family, and by such a faith he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith” (Hebrews 11:7).

a. According to this verse above, what made Noah and his family different from all the other people in his day?

Noah and his family were different from all the other people because they had God’s gift of faith. This gift of faith made it possible for Noah and his family to know and believe that God was gracious toward them. Although no one else trusted God, Noah and his family continued to do so.

b. Why was Noah willing to build the ark?

Noah was willing to build the ark because “he... respected God” (Hebrews 11:7). It must have seemed strange to the other people of the land who watched Noah at work. But Noah built the ark

anyway, trusting God’s promise that the ark would save Noah’s family. Noah did not concern himself with what others thought of him. Noah only concerned himself with listening to God’s commandments and promises. Noah listened to God in spite of what other people might have been thinking.

4. Do any of your family or friends think you are funny or strange because you go to church for worship?

You may know people in your life who think it is silly for you to go to worship. Think of Noah. He did not let other people move him away from God’s commandments and promises. He listened only to God. This listening to God saved Noah. In the same way, God also says to you, “Do not have any other gods besides Me” (Exodus 20:3). This means that God wants you to be like Noah, focusing your attention on His commandments and promises, even when it means doing things that other people might not understand. Each time other people think it is strange that you go to worship, think about how strange it must also have seemed for Noah’s neighbors while Noah was building the ark!

5. What wonderful gifts and benefits did Noah receive from God? What similar gifts and benefits does God promise He will also give to you?

God promised that He would protect Noah and his family from death, keeping them safe in the ark. Even though the world “was getting worse and worse in God’s sight,” God never forgot His dear servant Noah, but “was gracious to Noah.”

In the same way, God will never forget you! He promises to be gracious to you and to all who gladly hear His Word and believe His promises. Just as He saved Noah and his family, God also promises to save you.

God used an ark to save Noah and his family, but God used His own Son, Jesus Christ, to save you. By hanging Jesus on a cross and allowing Him to die for your sins, God shows you the same kind of love He showed Noah. Like Noah, you also shall be saved from death. It may indeed seem strange to other people that you believe this promise from God, but this promise is for you nevertheless! It is for you and for all who believe in the one true God.