

Bear Good Fruit Patience

Word of the Day: Patience

- Was the Story of Noah Historical?
- Jesus and Peter treated Noah's Ark as historical (Matthew 24:37-39; Luke 17:26-27; 2 Peter 2:5)
- Different aspects of Patience include:
- Longsuffering: The ability to suffer under the mistreatment of others leaving the issue in the hands of God. (1 Peter 2:23; Romans 12:19)
- Forbearance: Dealing with the Faults and Failures of others and not demanding what is due to us. (Col. 3:12-13; Eph. 4:2)
- Waiting on God: (Psalm 40:1-2; Heb. 6:12)
- Endurance and Perseverance: "Endurance is the ability to stand up under adversity; perseverance is the ability to progress in spite of it." Dr Jerry Bridges. (Col. 1:10-12)
- Genesis 6:5-9
- "The Hebrew for corrupted (or destroyed) also makes it clear that what God decided to destroy had been virtually self-destroyed." (Genesis, Derek Kidner, Pg. 87)
- The Lord saw how bad it was. (Thoughts were only evil all the time)
- The Lord grieved that His creation had become what it had become.
- Ephesians 4:30 says to not grieve the Holy Spirit
- The Lord said, He was going to blot out or end all flesh
- The problem some have with this story and why some try to downplay it, is because we do not take our sin as seriously as God does. (Hebrews 1:8-9)

1) Patience comes by Knowing you already have

Favor from God.

- Favor is also translated grace (Romans 4:13-16)
- We often equate our difficulties with determining if God is mad at us.

A) Righteous (2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 5:19; 2 Peter 2:5)

- Hebrews 11:7 says that Noah had a reverent fear of God.
- 2 Peter 2:5 he was a preacher of righteousness
- You obey out of love (John 14:15) not to earn your righteousness.
- You obey out of your position as a child of God not to earn being a child. (John 1:12)

B) Blameless (Colossians 1:21-22; Romans 8:1; Phil 2:15)

- Blameless did not mean that Noah did not have sins but that it would have been difficult, humanly speaking, for someone to blame him.

C) Walked with God (Psalm 1:1-2; Matt. 6:33; 2 Cor. 6:16)

- Walking is a way of saying that Noah had a relationship with God
- Micah 6:8 tells us we should walk with God
- Would the people around you say you are righteous, blameless, and you walk with God?

2) Patience to Follow the Lords Instructions

John 3:16-17, John 3:36, Hebrews 11:6-7

- Hamas is the word that describes violence, cruelty, wrong doing and injustice
- In our day people have instructions from the Lord, but they either want to ignore them or not carry them out fully.
- Noah did not know what was coming but the Lord did, and Noah needed to follow exactly what the Lord said even if it didn't make sense to him.
- Acts 2:21 Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
- Acts 16:31 Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.
- Luke 13:24 Jesus said enter through the narrow door to be saved.
- Good people go to Heaven the problem is that Jesus said no one is good (Mark 10:18)
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 - 2 Peter 3:9 God does not wish any should perish.
 - John 6:37 all who come to Jesus will not be cast out.
 - 2 Peter 2:5 says that Noah was a herald of righteousness
 - As you read through the Bible you see God always gave warnings to people before the destruction came including waiting generations before His wrath was administered.
 - The message of salvation that was proclaimed became a message of condemnation because the message was ignored.
 - Noah's obedience impacted his entire family.
 - Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him. (Gen. 6:22)
- This entire story is about what God said, and Noah did.

3) Patience in the Storm

John 10:28-29, John 5:24, Job 23:8-10

- "And the Lord shut him in"
- We see the care of God not just in His careful instructions and warnings to Noah but also the fact that it is God Himself who will ensure his safety
- John 10 Jesus says that He is the door
- 1 Peter 3:20 Peter connected water baptism with the waters of the flood showing that trusting in Christ will bring us through the judgement of God.
- The root word of Noah's name means rest and we are to rest in the fact of what we are told in how to be saved.

4) Patience while waiting on the Lord's timing

Psalms 27:14, Proverbs 3:5-6

- God remembered Noah
- God remembered his covenant and is acting on His promise
- Noah, whose name means rest, trusted in God and obeyed His instructions even though he went through a storm, his life was not easy but he trusted God to guide and take care of him.

Devotions Genesis 6: 5-8:19

1. What is the most difficult part of patience for you? Longsuffering, forbearance, waiting on God, or endurance and perseverance? (See definitions on handout)
2. How does knowing that we are fully loved and accepted by God because of Jesus help us as we are going through the storms of life?
3. According to John 3:36 what is the ultimate storm everyone must face?
4. Why do we struggle to follow the instructions of the Lord?
5. Why is it important to trust in the Lord while we wait on Him?
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