

GENESIS: THE FOUNDATION FOR EVERYTHING

# WALKING WITH GOD IN A WICKED WORLD GENESIS B:9-7:5

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The saving <u>favor</u> of the Lord works in us to produce the sanctifying <u>fear</u> of the Lord.

Because God loves and favors us in His Son, we can love and follow Him.

Today: Three spiritual blessings of God's saving favor in Noah's heart revealed in Noah's walk with God.

#### Noah:

- 1. Found <u>favor</u> [saving grace] in his God (v. 8). This favor of God characterized or defined Noah's <u>lifestyle</u>.
- 2. Was <u>righteous</u> before his God (v. 9). It means Noah was upright and devoted to God from his <u>heart</u>. Heart-holiness defined Noah.
- 3. Was <u>blameless</u> before his God (v. 9). Noah's attitude and approach to life reflected his spiritual integrity and <u>faithfulness</u>.
- 4. <u>Walked</u> with his God (v. 9). Like Enoch, Noah lived to <u>please</u> God, so that he humbly pursued a sincere and pure life with God.

"The righteousness of the blameless will make his way straight, but the wicked will fall by his own wickedness." (Prov. 11:5)

Noah is not shaped by his world; his life is increasingly and consistently shaped by his <u>humble heart</u> and his <u>eagerly</u> <u>obedient responses</u> of faith in God.

"... when the patience of God <u>kept waiting</u> in the days of Noah..." (2 Peter 3:20)

Waiting for what?

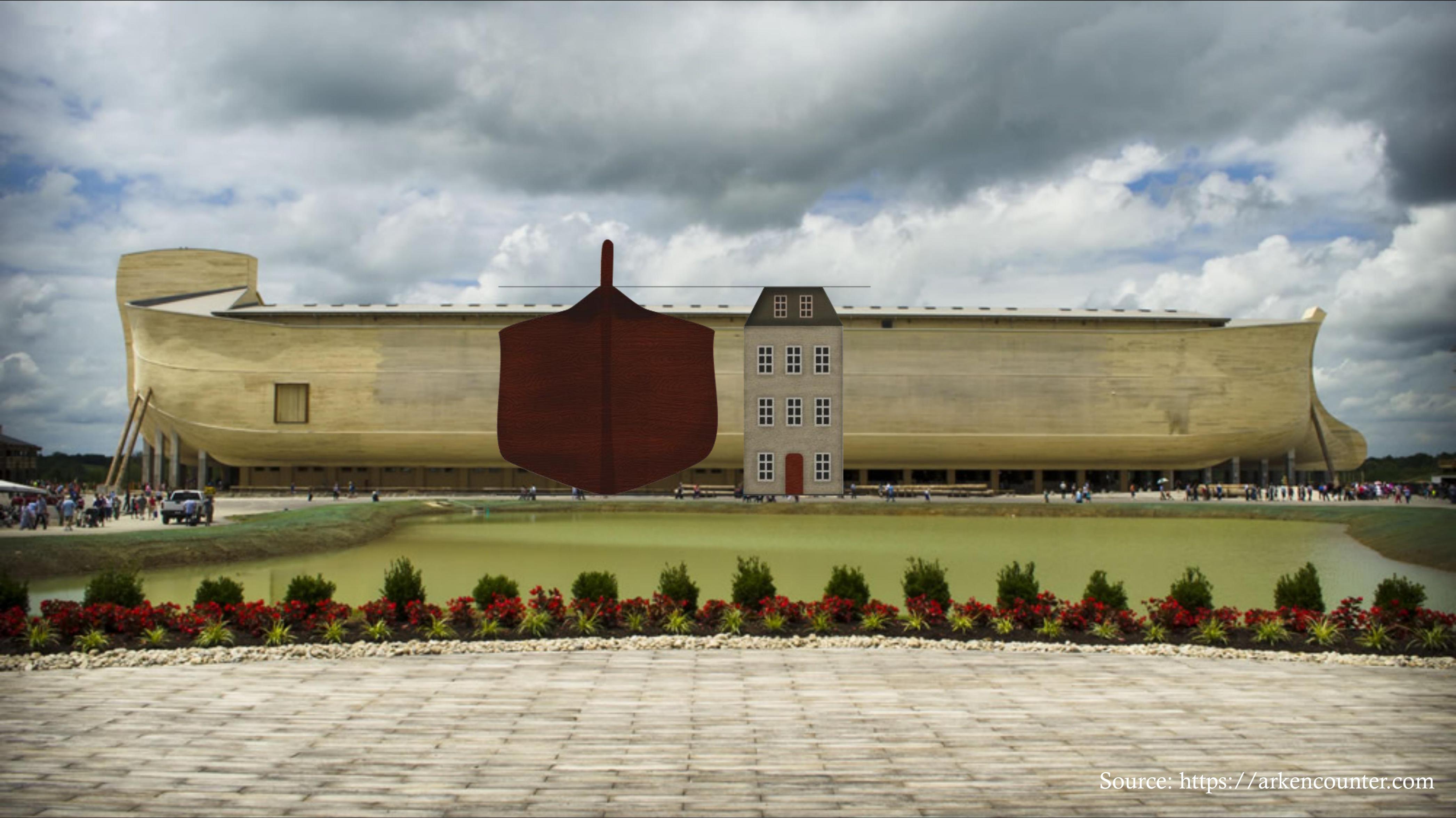
For the people to repent and turn to the Lord.

"[God] preserved Noah, a <u>preacher</u> of righteousness." (2 Pet. 2:5)

"... I am about to destroy them with the earth." (Gen. 6:13)







"But"

"But I will establish My covenant with you..." (Gen. 6:18)

This covenant is a <u>binding spiritual contract which God initiates</u> with Noah. <u>God obligates Himself</u> to save and provide for Noah. And then God calls Noah to fellowship and faithfulness <u>by telling Noah how to respond</u>.

"But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed.... My Servant will justify the many as He will bear their iniquities." (Isaiah 53:5, 11)

How do we respond?

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..." (Acts 16:31)

"Thus Noah did; according to <u>all</u> that God had commanded him, <u>so he</u> did."

This is saving faith <u>responding</u> in faithfulness. God tells Noah the truth, and Noah must now put that truth into practice.

# III. God Works Repentance in Noah

<u>Living</u> repentantly is a <u>lifestyle</u> which shows God's faithfulness to bless us as we trust the Lord and walk with Him in obedience.

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Three characteristics of Noah's walk with God are both instructive and encouraging to us:

- 1. Noah chose to <u>listen</u> he <u>trained</u> his heart to <u>hear</u> the voice of the Lord. We listen to God through the Bible, where God speaks.
- 2. Noah chose to <u>believe</u> he <u>taught</u> his heart to <u>trust</u> God and to take God at His Word.
- 3. Noah chose to <u>obey</u> he <u>committed</u> his heart to <u>do</u> as God says through the eyes of Noah's faith.

Hearing, trusting, and obeying are ways we express our <u>love</u> for God in our <u>walk</u> with God in a <u>wicked</u> world.

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