

Preaching Righteousness – 9/1/19

TEXT – 2 Pe 2:5 *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;*

INTRO –kerux "a herald" is used of the "preacher" of the gospel, [1Ti 2:7](#); [2Ti 1:11](#); (b) of Noah, as a "preacher" of righteousness, [2Pe 2:5](#).

Context of 2 Peter is about false prophets. Gen. 6:5

The Bible tells us that the world was filled with wickedness and that every thought of all the people was evil continually (*Genesis 6:5*). But Noah was different from everyone else. He walked with the Lord and found grace in God's eyes (*Genesis 6:8–9*). In the New Testament, Noah is described as "a preacher of righteousness"

(Method)

I. The Importance of Preaching – The Need for preaching today

A. Preaching righteousness

We need to preach what pleases God rather than man

Acts 5:29 *Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.*

Psa 118:6 *The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?*

Gal 1:9-10 *As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. 10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.*

B. Living as an example - Noah's spiritual qualities **Gen 6:8** *But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.*

C. Warning men of judgment to come

John Gill quotes Noah's words according to Jewish tradition: "Be ye turned from your evil ways and works, lest the waters of the flood come upon you, and cut off all the seed of the children of men."

1 Co 1:18-21 *For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. 20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*

D. Facing ridicule

E. Giving men hope

II. The Importance of the Message - Righteousness

Heb 11:33 *Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,*

2 Ti 4:2-4 *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

2 Co 11:14-15 *And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.*

A. A man is made righteous by salvation through the blood of Christ

Titus 3:5 *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

Rom 4:5 *But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.*

Rom 10:3-4 *For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.*

Notice that the eight occupants of the Ark entered by a door—and there was only one door—which was not closed by Noah, but by God

Rom 10:10 *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

B. A man is made righteous before man by his works

1 Th 4:3-4 *For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: 4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;*

1 Th 4:7 *For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.*

III. The Importance of the Man - God Sought for A Man

A. He came from a righteous family

Luke 3:36-37 . . . *Sem, which was the son of Noe, which was the son of Lamech Which was the son of Mathusala, which was the son of Enoch*

B. He led his wife and children into righteousness

C. He followed the calling of God

Gen 6:22 *Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him*

1 Tim 2:7 *Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.*

2 Ti 1:11 *Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.*

Rom 10:14-15 *How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*

IV. The Importance In the Last Days

Mat 24:37-38 *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,*

The ungodly do not escape, be their multitude ever so great.

Nor are the righteous forgotten, though their number be but few.

Gen 6:5 *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.*

Gen 6:11-12 *The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.*

Niah was the exception of his day.

Mat 5:6 *Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*

Mat 6:33 *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

2 Co 11:15 *Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.*

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