

The Parish of Wellow

A walk through the Bible with the people of God

1. Noah the Shipbuilder

Genesis 6:9-22

Passage, Sermon Notes and Questions

Please feel free to take these sermon notes home with you and you may wish to find some time during this week to consider the questions below.

1. Passage

Genesis 6:9-22 - NIV

- 6 The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.
- 7 So the LORD said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth-- men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air-- for I am grieved that I have made them."
- 8 But Noah found favour in the eyes of the LORD.
- 9 This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.
- 10 Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.
- 11 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence.
- 12 God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways.
- 13 So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.
- 14 So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out.
- 15 This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high.
- 16 Make a roof for it and finish the ark to within 18 inches of the top. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks.
- 17 I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish.
- 18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark-- you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.
- 19 You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you.
- 20 Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive.
- 21 You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them."
- 22 Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

2. Sermon Notes

- 2.1. This story is fairy tale*
fiction*, or
fact*

* Delete two

2.2. Who are the three main characters in this story and what are their characteristics?

Name	Characteristics
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A.

B.

C.

Who do you most seem like?

2.3. How can you please God?

A.

B.

C.

2.4. How can you hear God?

A.

B.

C.

3. Questions to consider back at home:

3.1 How does the world of Noah compare with the world today?

3.2 Were God to give us a similar, seemingly crazy instruction, would we obey, or choose to ignore Him to avoid offending or losing our friends?

3.3 God is both Love and Just. How does His Justice really affect how you live today?

3.4 Are you like Noah (and his own sons), or like all the others in his time?

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