

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE
Examining Biblical Characters Who Won By Faith
Hebrews 11:7, Genesis 6:1-22
Sold Out Faith - Noah

WHO WAS NOAH?

FAMILY TREE

Father - Lamech
Sons - Shem, Ham, and Japheth
Grandfather - Methuselah

BIBLICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF NOAH

A Righteous Man-Genesis 6:9
A Herald of Righteousness-2 Peter 2:4-5
An Heir of Righteousness-Hebrews 11:7

CAUSES OF NOAH'S CULTURE COLLAPSE GENESIS 6:1-8

SPIRITUAL ENTROPY

- Cain's descendants grow wicked
- Seth's descendants grow weaker

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

- **Angelic perversion: sons of God marry human wives**

The sons of God are angelic beings who, spurning God's design, marry human women in a particularly depraved example of angelic rebellion.

- **Nephilim violence: giant warriors use their power for evil**

The Nephilim are not the descendants of the unsanctioned, human angelic union but powerful contemporary warriors.

MAN'S FALLENNESS

v. 5 "wickedness"-Traces this to the condition of the human heart. The center of our being where we feel, reason, and make decisions and plans.

v. 11 "corrupt"-Communicates that a good situation is now ruined and twisted.

v. 11 "violence"-Refers specifically in social violence and conditions of social justice was lacking.

● **HIS FAITH CAUSED HIM TO LOOK FOOLISH**

- It took 120 years to build the ark.
- God wanted a male and female of each kind of animal in the ark.

Paul-2 Corinthians 5:7

● **HIS FAITH INFLUENCED HIS WHOLE FAMILY**

Noah's faith example led to the salvation of his entire family. Our faith should inspire those in our family and around us.

Andrew-John 1:35-42

Moses-Deuteronomy 6:6-7

● **HIS FAITH INDICTED THE WHOLE WORLD**

Noah's walk, witnessed, and work condemned the society around him.

NOAH'S NEIGHBORS

- ✓ They were careless-Matthew 24:36-38
- ✓ They were ignorant-Matthew 24:39

● **HIS FAMILY INHERITED THE WHOLE BLESSING**

God rewards those who trust and obey him. The salvation of Noah and his family were not simply temporal, but eternal and spiritual.

Genesis 9:8-17