

# God Worked through Noah

Read Genesis 8 & 9

Consider Noah and God's call on his life.

First, why did God choose to work through Noah?

- Noah pleased God (Genesis 6:8).
- Noah was righteous – blameless in his own time (Genesis 6:9). But that doesn't mean he was perfect. Note the story in Genesis 9:20-21.
- Noah walked with God (Genesis 6:9); that is, he had a daily, long-term relationship with God. He had grown to know God and trust Him.

What did God accomplish through Noah?

- Through this one human being, God saved all life on earth from annihilation.

What did it profit Noah?

- Noah saved his own life and the lives of his immediate family.
- He enjoyed a closer relationship with God through a shared task.
- He was privileged to play a part in God's timeless purpose.

*By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.*  
(Hebrews 11:7, NASB)

What did it cost Noah?

- Noah had to invest a lifetime of hard labor in a task that would have often seemed overwhelming.
- Up until the flood came, the rest of his world considered Noah's entire life's work to be a fool's errand. Ridicule was his constant companion. To keep God's approval, Noah had to sacrifice the approval of everyone around him but his family.

As with Noah, the Creator of all the universe comes to us personally and speaks face-to-face. He makes demands. He makes promises. And if we trust Him, life becomes an adventure of blessing and faith.