

## *People of the Bible*

### Noah

**This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. (Genesis 6:9)**

The world into which Noah was born was becoming increasingly evil. God chose Noah at this time to become a faith-filled leader to combat the wickedness of that time.

When God chose men to perform a specific leadership task He began with people who had faith. Faith as described in Ephesians 2:8-9 is a gift of God.

He was, first of all, righteous. In the Bible this is a courtroom term. Noah, a sinner, had been pronounced innocent by God. God wanted Noah, as he wants us, to believe him, to trust his promise of help and forgiveness through the promised Savior. "By faith Noah... became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith" (Heb. 11:7).

Righteousness is used to describe a person in a right relationship with God, trusting God's promised salvation and living by the covenant promise. The Lord watches over the righteous and delivers them. God is righteous because He faithfully and justly keeps His Word. (TLSB)

When the verse says Noah was blameless it did not mean that Noah was without sin. Through God's love and His working in Noah made Noah's character and conduct were quite different from that of his contemporaries.

When it says "he walked with God" it meant that Noah was publically known to worship the Lord. (TLSB) His saving faith in the promised Messiah was not confined to his heart, but showed itself in every phase of his life. (PBC)

God used Noah's trust to have Noah construct a huge ark to preserve a remnant of people and animals from great flood He was going to send. It had to have great faith to construct such a huge building amidst these evil and probably jeering people.

Noah faithfully did what God asked of him and brought his family and a large number of animals with him on board the ark to save them from the great flood and for life after the flood.

God was not done with Noah yet. God promised Noah and all generations there after that "Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life" (Genesis 9:15). He did that in a form of a rainbow which still can be seen after rainstorms.