

Aveleigh's Year of the Bible, Sunday June 24, 2018
Sermon Series: BETTER LIVING
Sermon: NOAH; CRITERIA FOR BETTER LIVING
TEXT: Hebrews 11:6 - 7 p1296

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: When our faith needs renewal, the Word speaks:

P: "Be still and know that I am God."

L: When we struggle with unbelief, the Word speaks:

P: "Be still and know that I am God."

L: When our hearts desire something better

P: God offers all *BETTER LIVING*

L: Let us worship God!

Litany of Morning Prayer

L: O God, you always remain faithful to your covenant, even when we are unfaithful.

P: Grant us the kind of faith of a servant like Noah,

L: Who trusted in your Word, even when no one else did.

P: Grant us the kind of faith of a servant like Noah,

L: Who endured the ridicule of friends and neighbors, even when it deeply hurt.

P: Grant us the kind of faith of a servant like Noah,

L: Who chose to be righteous, even when society tempted him to be unrighteous.

P: Grant us the kind of faith of a servant like Noah,

L: Who stood on the solid ground of kingdom values, even when the world's values were easier to follow.

P: Grant us the kind of faith of a servant like Noah,

L: Who trusted only you.

A: Grant us the faith to live with confidence that your promises will be fulfilled in our lives.

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

L: God calls us to live our lives in the now, trusting in God's Word, aware of the empowering presence of God, and assured of the fulfillment of God's promises.

P: God, help us achieve *BETTER LIVING*.

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Preparation for Worship Reflection: 1 Chronicles 16:9 *"For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him."*

I. NOAH WAS AVAILABLE

"... the Lord was grieved that he had made man... but Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord." Genesis 6:5-8

Do you find yourself too busy for God? **AVAILABLE** means rearranging your schedule. It may mean dropping some things. A person who tries to burn the candle at both ends isn't as bright as he thinks he is.

II. NOAH KNEW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FAITH AND FEAR

"Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God." Genesis 6:9

The difference between fear and faith is; you are not afraid to show your convictions. Do you find yourself saying, "I wonder what other people are going to think." Do you find yourself embarrassed that people might find out you're a Christian? Do you find yourself maybe ashamed that you let people know that you go to church. Maybe you talk a certain way with a certain group because you don't really want them to know that you are a believer. Are You afraid to say, "Lord, I'm willing to follow You no matter what"?

III. NOAH FOLLOWED GOD COMPLETELY

"Noah did everything just as God commanded him." Genesis 6:22

Faith that follows God completely, follows God even when you don't understand it.

IV. NOAH NEVER GAVE UP

"... man's days will be a hundred and twenty years."

Genesis 6:3

When you make a commitment. You ask God to make you a persistent person. Are you willing to hang in there even when there's a delay. One of the tests of faith is how long can you wait. Do you keep on keeping on? Or do you give up at the slightest whim?

CONCLUSION: NOAH AN IMPERFECT MAN THAT DISCOVERED BETTER LIVING.

PRAYER, "God, I want to follow You as much as I know how. I admit that I haven't always done that in the past, but I want You to be number one in my life." If you prayed that prayer in your heart, the Lord heard you.

Four for the Road:

1. If God wanted to start the world all over again, would God include you?
2. Could God include you?
3. What changes might you be in need of making?
4. Are you currently seeking BETTER LIVING?

