

## ***Lessons From the Sermon of Jesus on the Mountain Part 16***

***“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled:” (Matthew 5:6 KJV)***

We continue in this message to study on how we hunger and thirst for righteousness from studying the life of righteous men and how they lived their lives for God.

We will continue to study in this message the life of the righteous Noah:

***“Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.” (Genesis 6:9 KJV)***

***Noah did what the Lord had asked him to do: “By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.” (Hebrews 11:7 KJV)*** We had discussed that Noah did the followings:

***A. Noah took the warning of God seriously:***

***B. Noah moved with fear:***

***C. Noah prepared an ark:***

***D. Noah prepared an ark to the saving of his house:*** Noah preached the gospel first to his family and instructed them with God’s Word. He recognized the importance of his family and how important they are for him in the ministry and in serving the Lord. *For the importance of the family we need to have daily a family worship where we pray and praise God, where we read God’s Word and meditate on them the whole day, and agree to do with God the very thing that He requires of us.*

*In the daily family worship we kneel down and ask God petition to all our needs and put in His hands all our troubles and hardships. Parents should work it out to meet daily and worship the Lord with their children. The children should be trained on that, so when they will be grown up they will do the same in their families.*

Noah when God called him, it mentioned that he had three children, Shem, Ham, and Japheth; he sure prepared them and equipped them to build the ark with him. The building of the ark approximately it took 100 years to be built. When God called Noah he was 500 hundreds years, and when He was asked by God to enter the ark he was 600 years, ***“And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.” (Genesis 7:1 KJV)*** Noah entered the ark with his wife, with his three sons and with their wives: ***“6 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. 7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons’ wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.” (Genesis 7:8-7 KJV)*** Now we can see that his three sons are married. They have their own families and they are included in the vision of God to be saved from the coming wrath of God.

Now speaking about his children sure they were not doing what the other people in the world were doing. *If we want our children to be saved we should not allow them to be intermingling with the world and we should not allow them to do what the people in the world are doing.*

*There is no excuse for us in this matter. Speaking about life and death, we need not to allow our children to be intermingling with sin and to go with people who will lead them and tempt them to sin.*

Speaking about their marriages, sure the children of Noah did not marry as the people in that world around them did marry; otherwise they will be condemned and left to be destroyed by the flood. Sure Noah played an important role in the marriage of his three sons.

Noah disciplined his children, that they work together to build the ark and to prepare the food for themselves and for the animals that they carried with them for they did what God had instructed them: ***“And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.” (Genesis 6:21 KJV)*** *The family of Noah was a good example of a disciplined family in stewardship, and they were prepared and trained to live away and in isolation from the world around them.*

God with the flood that He sent He destroyed all the things and the foundations that are not instituted by God. Jesus said, ***“Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.” (Matthew 15:13 KJV)*** In the same way today through COVID 19 God is removing everything that is not instituted by Him. God send the flood to destroyed all flesh as He said, ***“And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.” (Genesis 6:17 KJV)*** The water of the flood was used to destroy all the flesh. But the same water of the flood saved Noah and His family. Why? Because Noah and his family were in the ark. Noah spent all his life to build the ark and that what God had told him, and in return to His obedience the ark was used by God to save Noah and His family as we read here: ***“Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.” (1 Peter 3:20 KJV)*** *What we conclude here, when you obey God and do what He is asking you to do, He will spare you when He send His judgment.*

*The means that God will be using to bring His wrath and judgment on others, the same, will be the mean for you and your family salvation and deliverance.* God used water at the time of Noah to destroy the world and by water He saved Noah and his family. What God will use to judge the wicked and repay them for their evil, the same will be used by God to promote the righteous and to reward him. *Therefore, what God will use to judge the wicked and repay them for their evil, the same will be used by God to promote you and reward you as you continue to live righteous life and obey Him.*

God told Noah that He will destroy all flesh, ***“And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.” (Genesis 6:17 KJV)*** But God assured Him that He will establish His covenant with him and with his family, ***“But with***

*thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.” (Genesis 6:18 KJV)* God also told him to gather and store enough food for him, for his family, for his three sons, for their three wives and for the animals, *“19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. 20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive. 21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.” (Genesis 6:19-21 KJV)* Noah and his family observed good stewardship and kept and stored enough food for them and for the animals. Just imagine the family of Noah if they did not prepare and store food for themselves and for their animals, how they will be passing the period of the flood and with what they will feed themselves and their animals for a period of around 1 year? *Big part of the righteous life that God wants us to live for Him is to be a good steward of what God entrusted to us; to keep things in order, to avoid wasting, to prepare and store and to keep things organized in our lives.*

Noah with his wife and three sons and their families became part and parcel of the ministry; they integrated with the ministry that God had given to them. They set their lives to be a challenge for others around them to follow their example. They did not give up or falter because no one joined them, for they valued their ministry and they were aware that it was from God.

*Do you value the ministry that God had given to you?*  
*Do you value the family that God had given you and value to work as team to serve God?*  
*Are you aware that every family is a congregation in the Church of God?*  
*Are you aware that one family can have a great impact on the whole world around them?*

*The call now is for every family to follow the persevering example of Noah family, who united around the head of the family, Noah, who was achieving and doing what God had revealed to him and wanted him to do.*

**E. Noah by the which (His family and ministry) he condemned the world:** Noah was preacher of righteousness to impart the world with a very precise message of how God wanted them to repent. Apostle Peter wrote about what God did to the old world and he described Noah as a preacher of righteousness. *“4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; 5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.” (2 Peter 2:4-5 KJV)* Therefore Noah *“became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.” (Hebrews 11:7 KJV)*

*How Noah became preacher of righteousness? He preached non compromising message, he did exactly what God had told him to do; his life, his family life, and his children families lives were the real good example to others, that challenged the world to repent and follow, and condemned the whole world who were not willing to repent. God judged the old world, by using the life of Noah as standard for Him to judge the world. If people would argue with God and would tell to Him, it is impossible to abide and to follow the*

*rules of God, the Lord would tell them, but Noah followed and it is possible for him to follow, why you cannot do?*

*Are you willing to be preacher of righteousness?*

*Are you willing to do exactly what God is asking to do?*

*Are you willing to be the good example for others that they can see how to leave the world and how to obey God?*

*Noah did not go to other women. Noah did not live to eat and drink. Noah was not corrupted by the world. Noah did not waste resources. Noah did not intermingle with the world. Noah taught and trained his wife and children on what God's Word declares. Noah trained his wife and children to serve God with him. Noah helped his three children to have Godly wives. Noah did not allow his wife or children and their wives to go along the principles and the practices of the world. Noah did not allow his wife, his children and their three wives to be polluted by the idols and the feasts of the idols that were around them.*

*Noah by the which (His family and ministry) he condemned the world; He left no excuse for people to tell God that they sin because their wives and because of their children, for God would tell them, Noah has wife and three children, but he did not allow his wife and children to control him and push him to do wrong and intermingle with the evil practices and the traditions of the world around them.*

*Noah as preacher of righteousness he did not give up or falter when people did not respond to him and did not join him. He had a confidence on the Lord that He will neither leave him nor forsake him and that God shall provide all his needs. His family also did their part very well and supported Noah and helped him to achieve what God wanted him to do. Without the support and the cooperation of the family Noah would not be able to do what God wanted him to do.*

The family of Noah was not only united with Noah, the head of the family, but as well as was united with one another, and they were united with God and were servants to Him. They had adjusted their lives to the vision and to the purpose of God in their lives that He had given to the head of the family. They were transformed to perform the vision and to do the task required. They were adopted themselves to the vision of God, they were glad to stay inside the ark through the whole period of flood that lasted several months. They were trained for that. People now a day they are annoyed if you ask them to stay long time inside the house. They want to roam around, they make friends, they wonder here and there with trips and journeys. But see the family of Noah and the families of his three sons, they loved their life style and their ministry, and they loved God, so when God brought judgment on all the earth, they were not affected at all because they were doing exactly what God had asked them to do. In the same way if we live a righteous life and do what the Lord wants us to do, then when His judgment will come on the wicked we will be spared. The judgment of God will be a promotion to us. Noah was the richest man in the world after the flood. Noah and his family for the 100 years of work to build the ark, God rewarded them and they inherited the whole earth after the flood.

Apostle Peter in His writing has real seriousness for he lived three years and half with the Lord Jesus and he was very near to the Lord. In **2 Peter 2:5**, *“And spared not the old*

*world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.” (2 Peter 2:5 KJV)* What it means by *Noah the eighth person*? It means Noah was the 8<sup>th</sup> person who entered the ark. It means that he first let all his 7 family members to enter the ark and then he was the last. He did this to be sure that all of them in. Noah would first call for his wife and his children Sam Han and Japheth and their wives to come and enter first before him. He was cautious that none of them will look back and stay behind, as what happened to Lot’s wife who looked back behind her husband and was lost as we can read here: *“But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.” (Genesis 19:26 KJV)*

Noah put his family before him into the plan of the salvation of God. We as men of God need to take full responsibility to bring our wives and children in front of our eyes into the narrow way, into the salvation of God. This is how to be perfect and this is how to be righteous in our walk with God. *2 Peter 2:5* in NIV says *“If he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others.” (2 Peter 2:5 NIV)* it says *“Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others”*, here in NIV version there is no clue about Noah being the last to enter the ark to ensure that his wife and his three sons and their wives are in the ark of God. *This is an important detail. Not only it shows that Noah was careful, dependable and cautious about his family, but even gives us the clue that Noah was controlling his family.* That is especially correct when we come to know that when God asked them to enter into the ark, the Lord shut the door of the ark after 7 days: *“1 And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. 2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female. 3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. 4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth. 5 And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him. 6 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. 7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. 8 Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth, 9 There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah. 10 And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. 11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. 12 And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. 13 In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; 14 They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort. 15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. 16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.” (Genesis 7:1-16 KJV)* From what we read, it is not clear which date Noah entered the ark, whether in the first day that God told him or up to the seventh day. The water was allowed to pour on the earth. Therefore Apostle Peter was keen to write that Noah entered after he put his family member inside. Noah was the one

who had received the vision from God and He was imparting it to His family and to others. His family might be doubtful that flood would come this time, or reluctant to go inside because of the ties with the world and with the friends of the world.

*Therefore, our wives and children are our great responsibilities; they might not hear what God is telling therefore we need to impart to them and that is our responsibility and to keep patient, loving and persevering so that we should not leave them behind.*

*There is time that we may need to control them to let them go into the narrow way as Noah did. I don't believe that he said to his wife and to his children that is up to you to follow. But rather Noah put them in front of him to let them go inside the ark and in front of his eyes, therefore today we need to be serious with our wives and children to ensure they are with us in the plan of the salvation of God as we are waiting for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to return and take us with Him to heaven.*

I was reading recently an article about COVID 19. Its title was, ‘Is US and UK are paying the price for their freedom?’ It was speaking about the high death rates in these two nations because they are not willing to go into restriction in movement. *The point here is this: If we are not willing to be controlled by certain measures and authorities for our own benefit then we will be paying a heavy price.* Noah might control his family, but that was the best to be done for them, and they were rewarded as they were complied with Noah the head of the family.

Noah let his family go inside, and he was waiting for God to shut the door. So Noah was working it out to let his family in first, and then he did not shut the door himself but he was waiting upon God, and was giving chance to everyone want to come inside. *Even today we are responsible first to bring out families into the narrow way that Jesus prepared for us and we are also waiting for others to be willing to come in and give their lives to follow God. The door of the church always open and we are always ready to receive those who want to come in.*

Adam followed his wife, *“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.” (Genesis 3:6 KJV)*

Lot’s wife sneaked behind him, but Noah he put his wife in front of him and let her come in first watching her with his eyes, as well as he was watching his three sons and their wives to come in. Noah is the first one in the Bible who practiced what is called today ‘Ladies first’, and he did it in a correct way in God’s sight to save his family.

It needs skills, it needs patient and it needs humility to achieve that. The followings are tips to achieve that:

- 1. Cut all the external influences of temptations.*
- 2. Create a loving atmosphere inside the house to cultivate love, joy and peace.*
- 3. That above atmosphere will generate love inside, therefore each and every member of the family will be encouraged and motivated to take part of the vision that God had given to the man, the head of the family.*

***My dear and beloved:*** Meditate on the part of the life of Noah that we had studied in this message and see yourself and conclude where you are from the righteousness of God. Answer the following questions and repent of your sins so you will be saved by the blood of Jesus and will be a righteous man:

*Do you believe on Jesus?  
Have you given your life to Jesus?  
Are you living the righteous life that God wanting from you to live?  
Are you living and doing the same the people around you are doing?  
Are you drinking Alcohol?  
Are you watching TV, movies, wasting your times on facebook and news?  
Are you spending much and wasting much on food?  
Are you a party goers and a party arranger?  
Are you spending much money on food?  
Are you a person who loves to eat much in restaurant?  
Are you a person who is careless about good stewardship?  
Are you a person who boast and love to show off?  
Are you a person who will do what you like even if it is against God?  
Are you a person who is lusty in your eyes toward women?  
Are you living and promoting the practice of dating, courting, boyfriend, girlfriend, live-in relationship, divorce and remarriage, adultery and extramarital affairs?  
Do you have worldly friends and love to spend time with them?  
Do you care about family?  
Do you care about the salvation of your family members and your children?  
Do you discipline your wife and your children and lead them to do God's will?  
Do you separate your family members and protect them from the influence of this world?  
Do you train them to serve God with you?  
Do you fear God?  
Do you fear your wife and children more than God?  
Do you obey the voice of the Holy Spirit and do what God is instructing you to do precisely?  
Do you teach your family stewardship and how to save and use resources wisely?  
Do you and your family set good example to others to follow God and to walk in His ways?  
Do you discouraged if people not responding to the message?  
Do you preach the Gospel of Jesus with clear Word and precise instructions?  
Do you create a good atmosphere in the house that motivate all your family members to take part in achieving the vision God had given to you to achieve?  
Are you and your family are waiting for Jesus' return to be with Him?*

As you meditate on the above questions, commit yourself to the righteousness of God and the way that God wants you to live your life for him and do the righteousness that God pleases with, and the way that you need to raise up your family in the fear of the Lord.

Let us commit ourselves to pray.

***My Prayer:*** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death on the third day to give me eternal life.

*Let us confess and renounce our sins to the Lord. Let us renounce our worldliness, our idols and the wrong plans that contradict the Word of God.  
Let us renounce all our pride, anger, boasting, impatience, un-forgiveness, jealousy, envy, lust, fighting, quarrels, and the rest of our wrong ways of life and our non willingness to follow the ways of God because of our wrong priorities and practices.  
Let us renounce the following sinful practices, dating, courting, boyfriend, girlfriend, divorce and remarriage, live-in relationship, partying, banqueting, eating in restaurants, and spending much on food.  
Let us renounce wasting, the bad stewardships, the worries, the discouragements, being bad example to others, failure to lead our wives and children into the salvation and the will of God.*

*Let us ask God forgiveness for our failure to preach the Gospel with clear Word of God and precise warning for their sins. Lord I commit my life to leave such sins*

*Lord I commit my life to leave the following things and practices in order to live the righteous life that you want me to live. \_\_\_\_\_..*

*Lord I commit my life to be willing to hunger and thirst for righteousness.  
Lord I commit myself to do the principles that I learned from your Word.  
Lord I commit myself to live a righteous life, and to live in a way different from the people of the world around me and to be a good example to them.  
Lord I commit myself to preach your Gospel with precise Word and clear instructions for the people to know how to repent.  
Lord make my life's example different from others, and give me more fruit of the Holy Spirit so that your life will shine in my life.  
Lord I commit myself to raise my children and lead my family in the fear of Yours.  
Lord I commit myself to be good steward of what I received from you and to teach my wife and children the principles of saving, budgeting, planning, and lack of wasting.*

*Lord provides for me and enable me to do that successfully and protect my family from the effects of the world.*

*Lord I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who had humbled themselves before you to live the righteous life that you wants them to live and to lead their families in your righteousness. Lord makes a way for them to come out from all temptations and to live the life that is pleasant to you. Lord protects them and provides all their needs. Lord comfort them and take all discouragements away from their hearts and minds. Lord fills them once again with the Holy Spirit and makes their lives' testimony attractive to others so that people will believe in you and start to follow you and live according to your Word and your righteousness.*

*Lord I pray for us as a church to help us to go on in serving you and do your work and your will in the midst of people who are opposing the truth and living in worldliness and immoralities. Lord we commit ourselves to do what is right and just in your eyes. Lord fill us once again with the Holy Spirit and enable us to evangelize and to reach new people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with the Word of God. Lord we pray that you will enable us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord bless us,*



*enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.*

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