

“Walking With God: Part II”

Outline Questions:

1. When did Noah walk with God?
 - In the midst of a decadent and decaying culture
 - After being encountered by the electing grace of God
 - While living with both a promise of global judgment and of personally-directed mercy
2. How did Noah come to know about aspects of his creature-duty to “walk with God”?
 - ... Adam; Abel (*Lk. 11:49-51*); Enoch (*Jude 14-15*); ...
3. What are some key elements implied in “walking with God”?
 - ... Amos 3:3; Ps. 1:1-3; I John 1:5-7; ...
4. What did it mean (as a cost/benefit, say) for Noah to walk with God “in his time”?
 - It meant exercising determined choices of refusal
 - It meant engaging determined pursuits with persistent commitment
 - It meant making daily “faith-choices” supported by a sustained reverence for God
 - It meant standing firm while standing alone
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Scriptures

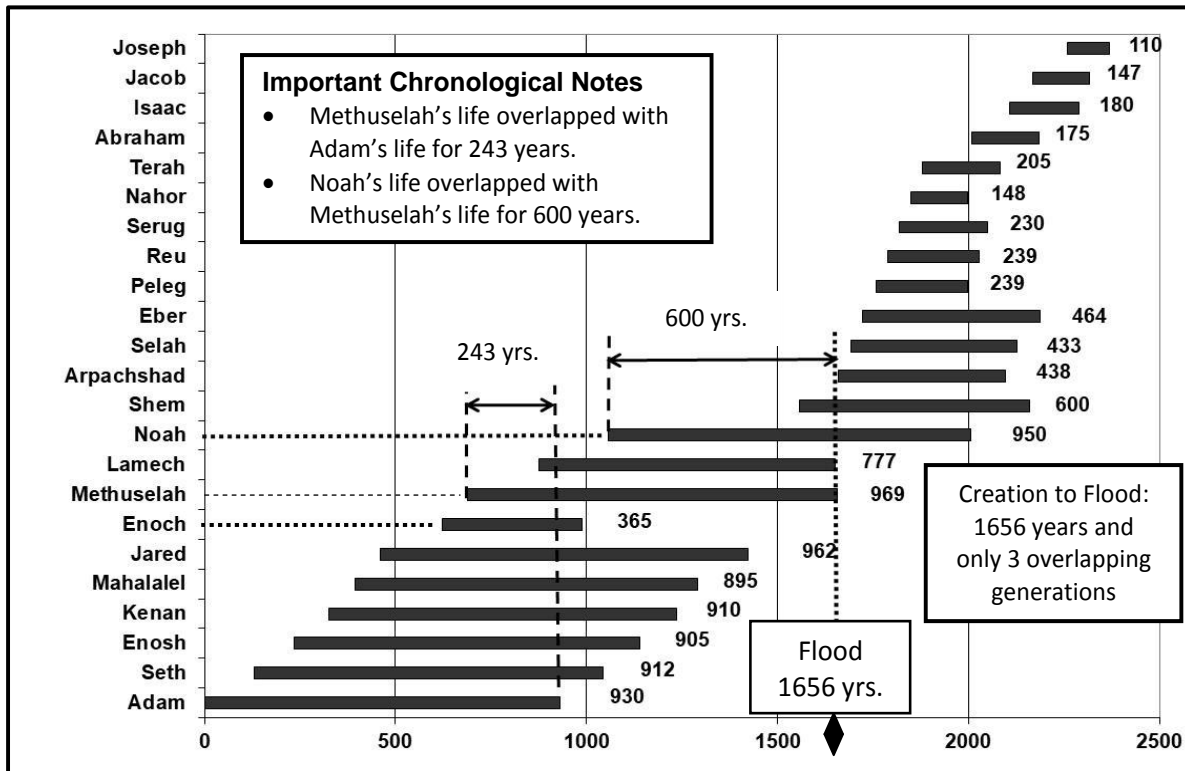
“But Noah found favor (grace) in the eyes of the LORD.”
“These are the generations of Noah.”
(see also *Gen. 2:4; 5:1; 6:9; 10:1; ...*)
“Noah was a righteous man, blameless (complete; having integrity) in his time; Noah walked with God.”
Gen. 6:8 -9

“Then the word of the LORD (Yahweh) came to me saying, ‘Son of man, if a country sins against Me by committing unfaithfulness, ... even though these three men, Noah, Daniel and Job were in its midst, by their righteousness they could only deliver themselves,’ declares the Lord GOD (Adonai Yahweh).”
Ezek. 14:14 (see vs. 20 also)

“Now faith is the assurance (substance) of things hoped for, the conviction (evidence) of things not seen.” (NASB)
“Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title-deed) of things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality—a faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses.”
(Amplified)
Heb. 11:1

“And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”
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.”
Heb. 11:6-7

Noah's place in the early history of God's creation.



Questions and Points for Analysis, Reflection and Discussion

- Review and discuss the questions posed as part of the sermon outline on the front page.
- How might visitations to the eastern gate of Eden, and visual observation of the cherubim there with flaming sword guarding the way to the tree of life (*Gen. 3:24*), have shaped Noah's reverence for God and his wonderment of finding grace before God? Should our knowledge of the activity of these cherubim at that time have any influence in relation to our walk with God today? Discuss what some of those impressions and influences might be.
- With respect to one's "walk", *Ps. 1:1-3* provides both negative and positive counsel – emphasizing both refusals and pursuits. What place might "delight in the law of the LORD" play (i.e., what influence might such delight assert) in one's walking in God's ways (i.e., in one's walk of faith), and how might such delight lead to a growing capacity to please God?
Reflecting on the recent sermons by Joe Leinen and Steve Lively from *Col. 3* concerning a 'worthy walk', discuss how aspects of our necessary "focus" and about "putting off" and "putting on" might provide amplifying specifics to the admonition in *Ps. 1:1-3*.
- Certainly Noah walked "in the light" of God's revelation to him. In this regard, *1 John 1:5-7* enjoins us to "walk in the light" if we are to know intimacy with God, even as the prophet Isaiah enjoined Israel in his day (*Isa. 2:5*) and the Apostle Paul enjoined the church in Ephesus (*Eph. 5:8ff*) in the early Christian era. What are some of the elements that characterize one's Christian walk as being "in the light"?