

# God seeks Ones in Faith (Hebrews 11:6-7)

Today's verse tells about Noah. When God saw how great the wickedness of the human's heart was (evil all the time), God brought floodwaters on the earth to rid all life under the heaven - every creature that has the breath of life in it except Noah and his family. Only Noah found favor in the eyes of the God. How? We could see two points of matter in regard to Noah in the bible (Genesis 8) He never came out of the ark till given God's order. And he built an altar to God when he came out of the ark.

God seeks one like Noah.

**1. Obedience means to believe in The Reality of God.** "By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. (Hebrews 11:7) "He waited seven more days and sent the dove out again, but this time it did not return to him. By the first day of the first month of Noah's six hundred and first year, the water had dried up from the earth. Noah then removed the covering from the ark and saw that the surface of the ground was dry. By the twenty-seventh day of the second month the earth was completely dry (Genesis 8:12-14) Noah obeyed in holy fear of God's existence when warned about things not happened yet. Also, he waited for God's order to come out of the ark though he knew the flood is over. It shows that Noah obeyed in walking with God and not by his own decision. We could know God's plan when we accept God's thoughts. Even though it may differ from our thoughts and seek his will. Bible shows that God will show his will (plan) to us when we wait for/on God - accept him as reality (living God) in our life. Then God will find us to save. "in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight (Proverbs 3:6)

**2. True worshiper** Jesus said "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks (John 4:23)

**A good listener** We should be a good listener when we believe in Jesus. "Guard your steps when you go to the house of God.

Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong. (Ecclesiastes 5:1) The bible emphasizes that listening is a worship. Meaning of "wisdom" is "listening with a discerning heart" in Hebrews (1 Kings 3:9).

"Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams (1 Samuel 15:22) Worship is obey (listen) to God. How we could be good listener?

**Stand in front of God. (Coram Deo)/Our essence of life.** The Old Testament shows that Israelites were ordered to come before God three times in a year to listen when God's Word was proclaimed. Likewise keeping Lord's day is the most important to us. "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:46-47) "not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25)

**Worship truly and not bear two hearts.** Jesus sighed "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. (Matthew 15:8) Jesus wants us to offer our heart as well as our physical body. Why? because Satan disturbs our mind that which does not listen to God's Word. "The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Corinth 4:4) Where is Salvation? Where is Faith? Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. It is the worship in the Spirit and truth. We will be filled by Holy Spirit abundantly while we listen to the Word of God. "While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. (Acts 10:44) We should focus on worship which changes us, our abilities and determines our life. Thus, Faith begins from how we offer and worship.

**3. Worship that depends on the blood of Jesus.** "Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done (Genesis 8:20-21) God wanted obedience of Jesus on the cross which move us from wrath to forgiveness; from judgement to salvation. Jesus on the Cross is the most beautiful, aromatic offering. We should remember reconciliation with God. God is love but has wrath with our sin. But because of blood of Jesus, God appears as love and grace to us. There are many people who do not know Jesus - still under the wrath of God. We should have compassion for this world because there will be judgement after death.

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him (Hebrews 11:6)

We could learn three things.

- 1) Only and by faith which pleases God - not by one's own effort or achievement. God will be pleased when we believe in Jesus and his wonder works in the bible.
- 2) we should believe the existence of living God by experience - in his Words. People sin and fall because of not fearing the Lord. God rewards those who seek him in faith. (unimaginable blessings, power of God and eternal life)
- 3) God will answer prayers of those who fear the Lord. love the word of God then God will pour the Holy Spirit on us to see the miracles.