## Noah Did It!

Noah and his family did it! They lived godly in a wicked world and you can do the same. Noah and his family were successful. They were successful in being right with God, in obeying God's instructions, and in being saved from the flood. What were the three keys to Noah's success?

First, Noah and his family were successful because they followed God and not the majority. All the world around Noah was very corrupt (Genesis 6:1-12), while Noah chose to walk with God (Genesis 6:8-9). He did not follow the majority into destruction, but was among the "few" who were saved by water (I Peter 3:20). You and your family can be among the few that are saved by baptism today.

Second, Noah and his family were successful because they obeyed God. All the worldly people around Noah were disobedient (1 Peter 3:20), while Noah obeyed God's word (Genesis 6:13 - 7:5). Noah understood that faith in God, obeys God (Hebrews 11:7).

Third, Noah and his family were successful by setting their own spiritual priorities. All the worldly people around Noah were concerned only for their physical lives (Matthew 24:37-38), while Noah was concerned for the saving his family from coming judgment (Hebrews 11:7).

Noah and his family did it! And yes, you can do the same! - Chris Reeves

## Sentence Sermons

- Reading God's word every day is not a waste of your time.
- Your are an influence on others, one way or the other, and whether you realize it or not.
- If you want to make the world a better place, start by improving yourself.
- Tact is the ability to close your own mouth before someone else needs to.
- Love one another, for love is of God.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Are you missing out on all the really important things in life? No one that I know likes to miss out on good and important things. We all want to be a part of those things we like. For example, we don't want to miss out on a fun party, a good meal, an important job interview, a good education, or an opportunity to make some money, right? Would you visit a famous landmark, like the Grand Canyon, and not take in the sights? Would you sit next to a marvelous buffet and not sample some of the dishes? If we are near something good and important, we typically don't want to miss out on it.

Unfortunately, many people today, like Thomas in the New Testament, are missing out on the important, spiritual things of life. When Jesus visited his apostles after his resurrection, Thomas was not with them. He missed out on seeing the resurrected Jesus (John 20:19-29). We must be careful not to misrepresent Thomas as to why he was missing. We are not told why he was absent. But, in fact, he was missing. He was not there and we can learn from him on this point. What was it that Thomas missed out on?

First, Thomas missed out on the peace that Jesus offered his apostles

(John 20:19,21). Second, he missed out on the physical evidence needed to remove his doubt concerning the resurrected Jesus (John 20:20). Third, he missed out on the joy and gladness of being with Jesus and his brethren (John 20:20). Fourth, he missed out on the Lord's commission and the reception of the Holy Spirit (John 20:21-23). Clearly, Thomas missed out. Friend, what are you missing out on?

You are missing out on Jesus' help when you fail to pray. You can "receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

You are missing out on encouragement when you fail to assemble with Christians for worship (Hebrews 10:24-25).

You are missing out on comfort and guidance when you fail to read your Bible (Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

You are missing out selfless service (love, compassion) when you fail to show good works toward others (Acts 9:36).

You are missing out on God's great approval when you, as a man, fail to serve as an elder, a deacon (I Timothy 3:1,13), or an evangelist (2 Timothy 4:5).

You are missing out on telling the

greatest story ("good news") every told when you fail to share the gospel with the lost (Romans 1:14-16; 9:1-2; 10:1).

You are missing out on defeating the devil when you fail to take God's way of escape (1 Corinthians 10:13).

You are missing out on contributing to God's great work when you fail to be active (Ephesians 4:16).

You are missing out on wholesome, Christian influence when you fail to gather with Christians outside the assembly (Acts 2:46; Rom. 12:10).

You are missing out on faithbuilding evidence when you fail to hear the evidence presented in Bible classes, sermons, one-on-one studies, etc. (Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:1).

You are missing out on life itself when you fail to become a Christian (1 Timothy 4:8; 1 Peter 3:10).

Friend, are you missing out on the important? Don't miss out any more. Come and partake of the greatest things in life that God has in store for you. Come, obey the gospel and live the faithful Christian life. - Chris Reeves