

Introduction

1. There are many men and women recorded in the pages of inspiration that exemplify reverence
 - a. These examples are found both in the Old and New Testaments
 - i. Old Testament examples are written for our learning ([Rm. 15:4](#))
 - ii. New Testament examples show us how Jesus and His church behaved in a similar culture as ours ([Acts 17:16](#))
 - b. Our mission is to examine several of these men and women so that we can learn and grow in reverence toward God
 - i. This will not be an exhaustive study but will hopefully spark further interest for additional study
2. One of the first examples of reverence we encounter in our Bibles is Noah

Noah's Character

1. Noah is described by God as, “a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God” ([Gen. 6:9](#) NKJV)
 - a. “just” describes the concept of being righteous before God ([Gen. 7:1](#))
 - i. God Himself has this character ([Ps. 119:137](#))
 - ii. God is a just judge ([Ps. 7:11](#))
 - iii. Noah was described as, “a preacher of righteousness” ([2 Pt. 2:5](#))
 - b. “perfect” describes the concept of being blameless ([Dt. 18:13](#))
 - i. The Passover lamb was to be “without blemish” ([Ex. 12:5](#))
 - ii. Morally, no wickedness (sin) could be laid to Noah's charge by God
 - iii. This differed greatly from those around Noah ([Gen. 6:5, 11-12](#))
 - c. “walked with God” shows Noah's complete committal to God
 - i. The same was spoken about Enoch ([Gen. 5:22-24](#))
 - ii. We can infer from [Heb. 11:5](#) that this means Noah pleased God and thus found grace in His eyes ([Gen. 6:8](#))
2. Noah's character is worthy of imitation

Noah's Mission

1. Noah was instructed to build an ark ([Gen. 6:13-16](#))
 - a. Specific, not generic, instructions were given
 - i. Wood must be gopherwood ([Gen. 6:14](#))
 - ii. Must have rooms ([Gen. 6:14](#))
 - iii. Must be covered inside and outside with pitch ([Gen. 6:14](#))
 - iv. The length must be 300 cubits, the width 50 cubits, and the height 30 cubits ([Gen. 6:15](#))

- v. Must have a window ([Gen. 6:16](#))
 - vi. Must have a door ([Gen. 6:16](#))
 - vii. Must have three decks ([Gen. 6:16](#))
2. Noah was instructed regarding his family and creatures to take in the ark ([Gen. 6:17-21](#))
- a. Specific, not generic, instructions were given
 - i. Noah, his wife, his sons, and their wives were allowed to go into the ark ([Gen. 6:18](#))
 - ii. Male and female creatures by two (by sevens for clean animals) were to go into the ark to be kept alive ([Gen. 6:19-20](#), [7:2-3](#))
 - iii. Noah was to take food ([Gen. 6:21](#))
3. Noah had a mission from God

Noah's Reverence

1. Noah's reverence is first seen in his character ([Gen. 6:9](#))
- a. One who does not reverence God will not be a just individual nor will he be blameless ([Ps. 36:1](#))
 - b. One who does not reverence God will not walk with God
 - c. One who does not reverence God will not be a preacher of righteousness as Noah was ([2 Pt. 2:5](#))
2. Noah's reverence is seen in his strict obedience to God's commands ([Gen. 6:22](#), [7:5](#))
- a. The book of Hebrews further validates this point ([Heb. 11:7](#))
 - b. One does not reverence God who disobeys Him in even the smallest detail
 - i. What if Noah had chosen a different wood?
 - ii. What if Noah had changed the dimensions of the ark?
 - iii. What if Noah had added another door?
3. Noah's reverence is seen in his worship ([Gen. 8:20-22](#))
- a. He did not sacrifice unclean, but clean animals
 - b. He took of every clean animal and bird, nothing spared
 - c. God smelled a soothing aroma ([Gen. 8:21](#))
 - i. How can something completely burned smell good?
 - ii. Consider what the world smelled like before the flood ([Gen. 6:5-7](#))
 - d. Reverence offers to God the very best and exactly what He desires ([Pr. 3:9](#))

Conclusion

1. Noah serves as an excellent example of reverence
- a. In his character
 - b. In his strict obedience to God's commands
 - c. In his worship
2. Let us use Noah's example to better our reverence toward God!