

Genesis 6:14-22—Noah Works With God To Build The Ark In Preparation For The Flood

Memory Verse

Genesis 3:15 NKJV (God speaking to satan)

And I will put enmity between you [satan] and the woman, and between your seed [the antichrist] and her Seed [the Messiah]; He [the Messiah] shall bruise your [satan's] head, and you [satan] shall bruise His [the Messiah's] heel."

Outline: (Genesis 6:14-22)

1. God instructs Noah on how to build the ark (vs 14-16)
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4. Noah's faithfulness and obedience to God's plan for his life (v 22)
5. Personal application: playing our part in God's plan of salvation

Genesis 6:1-22 NKJV

The Great Flood

Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, ² that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

³ And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." ⁴ There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶ And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷ So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Noah Pleases God

⁹ This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

¹² So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

The Ark Prepared

¹³ And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

¹⁴ Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. ¹⁵ And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

¹⁶ You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷ And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth

shall die. ¹⁸ But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹ And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰ Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. ²¹ And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them.”
²² Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

1. God instructs Noah on how to build the ark

Genesis 6:14-16 NKJV

Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. ¹⁵ And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶ You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

v 14 **Make yourself an ark:** God gives Noah a job to do in addition to preaching—he is to become the world's first large ship builder. Put yourself in Noah's shoes—God tells him, “I want you to preach the gospel, and... build a massive ship.” How do you think Noah would have felt? What do you think he was thinking? “What's an ark? How am I supposed to build something that big? Where am I going to get all of the materials?”

But Noah looked beyond himself and went ahead and obeyed God's command. Noah trusted that God would give him the skills, resources, and knowledge required to finish the job. Noah trusted that *God's commands are also His promises—God will never give us a job to do without also giving us the strength, knowledge, wisdom, and resources to complete it.* Remember that it is God who works in us and through us, and since He can do anything, therefore there is nothing that we cannot do. “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13)

The whole point is that God gets the glory. For example, God used a man with a speech impediment (Moses), to be His most important prophet.

Exodus 4:10-12 NKJV

Then Moses said to the LORD, “O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.”

¹¹ So the LORD said to him, “Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD? ¹² Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.”

God also had to teach Paul this lesson in humility, that it's not because of our *ability* that God calls us, but only because of our *availability*.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 NKJV

And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

If any of us are thinking along the lines of, “God can’t be calling me to do that, because there’s no way that I can do it”, then we need to think again—that’s exactly why God would ask us to do it—He wants to teach us to rely on Him, and not ourselves. God loves doing great things through the most unlikely people. Why? Because it shows that the work is His, and not ours, and so He gets all the glory. Do you remember what God said about the amazing prophet Elijah? He was a man with a nature just like ours (see James 5:17-18). With such an amazing God living in each of us, truly there is nothing we cannot do. Let us never doubt that God can use ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 NLT

Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world’s eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. ²⁷ Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And He chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. ²⁸ God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. ²⁹ As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.

³⁰ God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made Him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; He made us pure and holy, and He freed us from sin.

³¹ Therefore, as the Scriptures say, “If you want to boast, boast only about the LORD.”

How big was the ark?

v 15 **And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits:** A cubit is 1 and a half feet or half a meter long. The dimensions of the ark are as follows:

- Length—about 450 feet or 150 meters long. For comparison, this is the height of an average 35 story skyscraper, as long as three olympic sized swimming pools placed end to end, the length of one AFL football field, or the same as two Boeing 747 jets placed end to end.
- Width—about 75 feet or 25 meters wide. For comparison, this is about the length of a semitrailer with two trailers (a B-double), or about the height of a 7 story building.
- Height—about 45 feet or 15 meters high. For comparison, this is about as high as a 4 story building.

This makes the ark about the size of the Titanic, and it wasn’t until 1858 that a ship bigger than the ark was built.

How was the ark made?

vs 14-16 **Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch... and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks:** This massive structure had three decks, with many rooms on each deck. The ark was also waterproofed by covering it inside and out with pitch (possibly an oil based product). The ark was also only built with one door—there was no emergency exit, because none was needed. The picture is that Christ is the only door, and we only have to enter once.

What is the significance of the ark being covered in pitch?

“The word for “pitch” (Hebrew kopher) is different from that used in other places in the Old Testament. It is equivalent to the Hebrew kaphar (“to cover”) and, in the noun form, means simply a “covering.” However, it is also the regular Hebrew word for “atonement,” as in Leviticus 17:11, for example. In essence, therefore, this is the first mention of “atonement” in the Bible. Whatever the exact nature of this “pitch” may have been (probably a resinous substance of some kind, rather than a bituminous material), it sufficed as a perfect covering for the Ark, to keep out the waters of judgment, just as the blood of the Lamb provides a perfect atonement for the soul.” (Henry Morris)

What shape was the ark

The ark was not designed for covering long distances, but rather it was designed for only one thing—stability. A giant barge could be a better description than a ship due to its shoebox shape. Research has shown that the rectangular shape and the dimensions used make for the most stable configuration possible. It would be almost impossible to tip over. It could tilt almost 90 degrees, and still return to an upright position.

Why would the ark need to be so stable?

The ark had to withstand the conditions present at the time of the flood. What were these conditions like? Consider that there were literally millions of volcanoes erupting, along with rapid continental drift, including sinking oceans and rising continents toward the end of the flood. All these things would have caused many Tsunamis of the likes that we have never seen today. There would have been giant waves going around and around the earth (these waves were required to lay down the vast sediment layers that cover continents—evidence that the water actually was flowing rapidly over the whole earth).

Why did it need to be so big?

“If the ark carried two of every family of animal, there were around 700 pairs of animals; but if the ark carried two of every species of animals, there were around 35,000 pairs of animals. The average size of a land animal is smaller than a sheep. The ark could carry 136,560 sheep in half of its capacity, leaving plenty of room for people, food, water, and whatever other provisions were needed.” (David Guzik)

The reality is that the number would have been a lot less than 35,000 types of air breathing, land dwelling animals. Why? “Actually, it would have been less than this, since the Biblical “kind” is probably considerably broader than that of the arbitrary “species” category of modern biology.” (Henry Morris) Consider all the different “species” of cats: jaguars, cheetahs, leopards, lions, and also the many varieties of domestic cats. All Noah had to take on the ark was one pair of cats, from which all the different breeds of cats have arisen through natural selection (different environments favour different traits or characteristics, and therefore those traits are more likely to be passed on). Remember that Charles Darwin was not the first one to describe the process of natural selection. *Natural selection is not change from one kind to another, but rather is how one kind of animal can change so it can survive changing environments.* God built in extra information in the created kinds so that they could adapt when required (e.g. dogs with short hair in hot climates, and dogs with long hair in cold climates). There is much evidence for changes within the various kinds of animals (e.g. the dog kind, the horse kind, the cat kind etc), but no evidence of any kind of animal changing to become a different kind of animal. creation.com gives us more information on how the idea of natural selection was first used by creationists (Christians) to describe how there can be change within a kind, and not between kinds.

“God created everything “very good” in the beginning (Genesis 1:31). God also created living things so that they could fill all available environmental niches over time (Genesis 1:22,28). Part of this ‘filling’ would be through natural selection, which would be in operation even before the Fall.

It might be of interest to the reader that the concept of ‘natural selection’ predates Darwin. Carl Linnaeus (1707–1778), a Christian, described it, even though he did not use the term. So did another Christian, Edward Blyth (1810–1873), an English chemist and zoologist, and a contemporary of Charles Darwin. Blyth wrote about natural selection in a very popular journal of the day, when Darwin was still a young man sailing around the world on the HMS Beagle from 1831 to 1836. As far as anyone can tell, Patrick Matthew (1790–1874) coined the phrase in 1831." (<https://creation.com/artificial-selection>)

Why the window around the entire top of the ark?

v 16 **You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above:** God told Noah to leave a gap or window at the top, about half a metre high. This would have allowed adequate ventilation and also allowed light in the ark. I imagine that there was some kind of overhang or ledge over the window to stop the rain from coming in.

Is there any evidence outside the bible that the ark existed?

David Guzik provides a good timeline of evidence that the ark existed based on eyewitness accounts.

1. In 275 B.C. Berosus, a Babylonian historian, wrote: “But of this ship that grounded in Armenia some part still remains in the mountains ... and some get pitch from the ship by scraping it off.”
2. Around A.D. 75 Josephus said the locals collected relics from the ark and showed them off to his very day. He also said all the ancient historians he knew of wrote about the ark.
3. In A.D. 180 Theophilus of Antioch wrote: “the remains [of the ark] are to this day to be seen ... in the mountains.”

There have been more claims of seeing the ark in recent history, but they are controversial. The fact that the ark was covered in pitch inside and out, and the fact that it landed in an alpine climate means that it would have been preserved for a long time. Thus, it is reasonable to assume that the structure could have survived the almost 3,000 years (until AD 180). The fact that people were taking pieces from it and scraping off the pitch also shows that what remained of the ark was scavenged, meaning that there may or may not be much left of it now. What may be left is possibly covered in ice or buried under a glacier.

2. God will judge a sinful world using a worldwide flood

Genesis 6:17 NKJV

And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die.

v 17 **Everything that is on the earth shall die:** Not only is this the greatest judgement, but also the greatest salvation the world has ever seen (Noah being saved from this worldwide destruction). Some say that God is cruel in taking so much life all at one time. But God did warn us that the consequence of sin is death. Just like we should not be surprised when we have to pay a fine when we get caught speeding on the highway, so we should not be surprised when God finally says that it's time to make things right and He gives to each man what is due.

3. God's instructs Noah on what to bring onto the ark

Genesis 6:18-21 NKJV

But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹ And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰ Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive. ²¹ And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them."

God will establish a covenant with Noah

v 18 **But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark:** Because Noah responded in faith to God's call on his life, God was able to use Noah as a part of His plan to continue the line of descendants that would eventually give rise to the promised Messiah. Remember that the Bible is God's story of the redemption of mankind. Here we see Noah willingly submitting to God, becoming a servant of God, and so working with God and playing his part in God's salvation masterplan. We will come back to this later.

This demonstrates just how much God loves us and the lengths He was prepared to go in order to make a way for fallen man to be reinstated back into relationship with the Holy God. The depraved state of the world is yet another reminder of just how much we need a Saviour who can free us from sin's power over us.

We will soon learn more about the covenant that God made with Noah, called the Noahic covenant, but for now just remember that God is doing this to protect the line of descendants that will one day give rise to the Messiah.

v 19 **And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female:** God also cares for the animals. God made a way for at least one pair of all the land animals to be spared from the flood so that they could repopulate the earth after the flood. For the "clean" animals, meaning those used in sacrifices like sheep and cattle etc, seven of each kind was taken (see Genesis 7:2). Dinosaurs would have been some of the kinds of animals that were taken onto the ark. Remember that all dinosaurs, even the biggest ones, all start out the size of a chicken—the biggest egg is about the size of a football. There is also a lot of evidence of man coexisting with dinosaurs after the flood.

v 21 **Take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather it to yourself:** This would have been a massive job, collecting and storing enough food to last over a year. However, as we have seen, there was plenty of room on the ark. Also, it is very likely that God enabled or caused many of the animals to hibernate, just like bears and snakes do today—this would have made Noah's job much easier (just imagine how difficult it would have been for only eight people to keep thousands of pens clean of manure, as well as keep all those animals feed and watered)

4. Noah's faithfulness and obedience to God's plan for his life

Genesis 6:22 NKJV

Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

This simple statement says a lot about Noah. This is not just talking about obedience for one day, or one week, or one year, but rather 120 years. Noah will hear God say to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' (Matthew 25:21 NKJV) It is no wonder that the bible speaks so highly of Noah as a man of faith, and a man of God.

"The Bible presents Noah as a great hero of God. He was an outstanding example of righteousness (Ezekiel 14:14), a preacher of righteousness (2 Peter 2:5), and Noah condemned the world by offering salvation in the ark that the whole world rejected (Hebrews 11:7)." (David Guzik)

"The work of building the ark was laborious, costly, tedious, dangerous, and seemingly foolish and ridiculous; especially when all things continued in the same posture and safety for so many scores of years together; whereby Noah, without doubt, was all that while the song of the drunkards, and the sport of the wits of that age. So it is not strange that this is mentioned as an heroic act of faith." (Poole)

5. Personal application: playing our part in God's plan of salvation

Having the right attitude and outlook regarding worldly and material things

Noah played his part in God's plan. It wasn't easy, but today Noah has no regrets. Think about it, anything Noah would have built on the earth (aside from the ark) would literally have been washed away and destroyed. He could have built "Noah's mansion" for himself instead of "Noah's ark" with all those building materials. But Noah didn't. Instead, he invested everything that God had given him (all his earthly possessions and his allotted days on the earth), into God's kingdom, into God's work. Noah had the faith to understand and believe that anything he invested into worldly things would literally be washed away and destroyed in the coming judgement. We too should have the same heavenly and eternal attitude as Noah had, because there is another judgement coming, this time by fire, by which all material things will be destroyed.

2 Peter 3:10-13 NKJV

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Having the right attitude and outlook regarding our role in this life

Remember that we are saved for a purpose, that purpose being to work with God do the good works that He has already planned for us ahead of time. These good works will help others to come to the same faith and trust in God that we have. It's important to recognise that our lives are not our own. Just like God had a specific plan for Noah, so He does for each of us.

Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

Ephesians 2:8-10 AMP

For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favour) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation) through [your] faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God;

⁹ Not because of works [not the fulfillment of the Law's demands], lest any man should boast. [It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself.]

¹⁰ For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] *that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].*

Fellow workers with God

Will we, like Noah was, be willing to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus? Have we asked God, "What is Your will for my life? How do you want to use me to bring others into Your kingdom?" Do we see ourselves as fellow workers with God?

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 NKJV

We then, **as workers together with Him** also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:1 AMP

Labouring together [as God's fellow workers] with Him then, we beg of you not to receive the grace of God in vain [that merciful kindness by which God exerts His holy influence on souls and turns them to Christ, keeping and strengthening them—do not receive it to no purpose].

David Guzik has a good explanation of these verses from 2 Corinthians 6:1-2, which explain what it means to work with God—what is God's responsibility and what is ours.

"6:1 **Workers together with Him**: What an amazing job: workers together with Him! It isn't that God needed Paul, or any of us. Instead, it is that God wants us to be workers together with Him for our good. It's like the little boy with the toy lawnmower following dad as dad mows the lawn. For the sake of pure efficiency, dad should ask the boy to go away because he is really just in the way. But it is so good for the boy to work with dad! And because dad loves his boy, he wants him to work together with Him.

The word “workers” itself is important. There is something good and important in work itself, so much so that God wants us to be workers together with Him. God’s best for our life is never a state of ease and comfort and indulgent inactivity—even if we did all those things together with Him. God wants us to be workers together with Him, not “couch potatoes” or “pew potatoes” together with Him.

We are workers together with Him. Paul never said God works together with us. It isn’t our work that God helps us with. It is His work that He asks us to do together with Him. Instead of trying to get God to help us with our work, we need to find out what God’s work is, and do it with Him.

6:1 Not to receive the grace of God in vain: The Corinthian Christians had obviously received the grace of God. They would not be Christians at all had they not received the grace of God. Yet having received it, they were potentially guilty of receiving the grace of God in vain, so Paul pleads with them to not do this.

What does it mean to receive the grace of God in vain? It means to receive the goodness and favour of God, yet to hinder the work of grace in one’s life. It means to receive the favour of God and to fail in what Paul spoke of in 1 Corinthians 15:10: But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

According to 1 Corinthians 15:10, if Paul did not work as hard as he did, the grace of God would still be given to him, but in some measure it would have been given in vain. Grace, by definition, is given freely, but how we receive grace will help to determine how effective the gift of grace is. Grace is “frequently used by St. Paul to express the favours and privileges offered to the members of the Church of Christ, not to be limited to grace given at any special moment (such as at salvation) ... it is offered, independently of man’s faith and obedience, but it will not profit without these.” (Bernard)

Grace isn’t given because of any works, past, present or promised; yet it is given to encourage work, not to say work is unnecessary. God doesn’t want us to receive His grace and become passive. Paul knew that God gives His grace, we work hard, and the work of God is done.

Many Christians struggle at this very point. Is God supposed to do it or am I supposed to do it? The answer is, “Yes!” God does it and we do it. Trust God, rely on Him, and then get to work and work as hard as you can! That is how we see the work of God accomplished. If I neglect my end of the partnership, God’s grace doesn’t accomplish all that it might and is therefore given in vain.

“God’s grace is always coming to my heart and life in very wonderful and blessed experience of now. Yesterday’s grace is totally inadequate for the burden of today, and if I do not learn to lay hold of heavenly resources every day of my life for the little things as well as the big things, as a Christian I soon become stale, barren, and fruitless in the service of the Lord.” (Redpath)

6:2 Now is the acceptable time ... now is the day of salvation: By quoting and applying Isaiah 49:8, Paul wants to give the Corinthian Christians a sense of urgency. God has an acceptable time for us to work with His grace. God has a day of salvation that will not last forever. This is no time for Christian lives consumed with ease and comfort and self-focus. It is time to get busy for the Lord and to be workers together with Him.” (David Guzik)

Living as God's ambassadors

Did you realise that the aim of every believer, as workers together with Him, is to participate in God's masterplan to bring as many lost sheep who are willing back into relationship with Himself? Are we doing this, or are we caught up in day to day living, just keeping busy with the mundane things of life, and forgetting about the big picture? Noah's life had a higher purpose. So can ours. He was a preacher of righteousness, so must we be. We have all been given the same message.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 NKJV

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, **and has given us the ministry of reconciliation**, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, **and has committed to us the word of reconciliation**.

²⁰ Now then, **we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.** ²¹ **For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

What position does every believer have in the kingdom of God? “Now then, **we are ambassadors for Christ.**”

What does it mean to be an ambassador? “The picture of ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20) is especially helpful in understanding the nature of being workers together with Him. An ambassador can rightly be described as working together with his king. Yet, the ambassador himself has no power or authority or agenda on his own—it is all bound up in his king. The king delegates power and authority to the ambassador and reveals his agenda to the ambassador, and then the king expects the ambassador to fulfill that agenda.” (David Guzik)

What ministry does every believer have? “**The ministry of reconciliation**, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, **and has committed to us the word of reconciliation**”

What is the message that God commands every believer to communicate to the world? “**We implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.** ²¹ **For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**”

Noah did all these things well. It is highly unlikely that God will ask any of us to build an ark, but He does have individual roles for each us to play as “Workers together with Him”. Also, Noah worked well as an ambassador of Christ, boldly proclaiming God's desire for mankind to be reconciled to Himself. Noah was a “preacher of righteousness”. This is also God's will for us. We may not have a worldwide audience like Noah did, but our audience is whoever is around us who is willing to listen. If you are bold enough to speak for Christ, then you will be amazed at just who is ready to listen. God is already at work. Will we join Him in sharing with anyone and everyone, the good news of Christ's amazing sacrifice, that makes it possible for sinful man to be reconciled with the holy God?