



in the ways of that wicked world as well as their children.

You know, I'm pretty sure that Noah wasn't thinking about building the ark and a world-wide Flood that would destroy everyone except those who were not on it when he

picked his wife. We're not going to know all of the problems or trials that we will face in our marriages, but we know that we will face them. Men, look for women like Noah's wife who will encourage you to walk with God and not women who will tell you to just forget about serving God. Women, be women like Noah's wife who will comfort rather than ridicule your husbands as they strive to obey the Lord. Parents, direct your children to be this type of person who will reject the false gods and idols of this age and turn to serve the Lord at all costs. And, children, obey your parents when they guide you in the way the Lord knows is best and you will never regret it. May we all strive to love God the way that He has loved us.



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Noah's Wife

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In Genesis 6-9, we find the account of one of the Bible's most well-known historical events, the Great Flood. In the account, we are introduced to a man by the name of Noah who **"found grace in the eyes of God."** Because Noah walked with God in a world of extreme wickedness, the Lord was going to deliver him and his family from the upcoming destruction. And, over the next 100 years, Noah **"did all that the Lord had commanded him"** by preparing the ark. And, in the second month and seventeenth day of Noah's 600th year, Noah and his family went into the ark with all of the animals and after the Lord had sealed them in, He released the Flood.

In preparing for a recent lesson, I began to think about Noah's wife and I began to wonder about what kind of person she was. The Bible really says nothing about her or the wives of Noah's sons. However, I believe that Noah's

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wife would have to be someone of impeccable character. I'll tell you why. In the world in which Noah lived, **“every intent of the thoughts of [man-kind’s] heart was only evil continually,”** yet Noah walked with God (Genesis 6:5, 9). No doubt, Noah chose a wife that would help him and that he could help walk with God in this world of constant

wickedness. Also, during the time he was building the ark, which may have been 100 years (Genesis 5:32; 7:6), Noah was ridiculed and mocked for building the ark and for preaching righteousness. It is possible that Noah would have stopped building the ark if it had not been for his wife encouraging him to continue walking with God. And, as the Flood began, what an overwhelming feeling it would have been for Noah, knowing that he had condemned the world by preparing the ark (Hebrews 11:7), to hear the cries of those drowning lost souls if it had not been for his wife to comfort him? Even though this is mere speculation, I am convinced that Noah’s wife is the type of wife men should seek out, women should strive to be, and parents should direct towards their children.

As I was contemplating all of this, I began to wonder what would have happened if Noah’s wife would have been like some of the other wives we read of in the Bible. For instance, what if Noah had Job’s wife as his own? If you remember, after God had allowed Satan to take everything away from Job as a test of Job’s loyalty and faithfulness to God, Job’s wife comes to him and tells him to **“curse God and die”** (Job 2:9). You can imagine what she would have told Noah when God told him that He was going to destroy the whole world, but deliver them. I imagine that the response would be very much the same: **“curse God and die.”**



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Another example might be King David’s wife, Michal. In 2 Samuel 6, King David finally brought “the other ark” back to the Tabernacle where it belonged. If you remember, as they brought the Ark of the Covenant back to the Tabernacle, David was so happy that he and the rest of the people escorting the ark danced about with joy, shouting and sounding the trumpet. Michal viewed David and **“despised him in her heart”** (2 Samuel 6:16). After the Ark was placed in the Tabernacle, David returned to Michal where she confronted him by saying, **“How glorious was the king of Israel today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!”** (2 Samuel 6:20). What would she have said to Noah if she had been his wife? Again, I believe that it would sound very similar. I can almost hear her tell Noah, **“You look ridiculous building that thing for the Lord. What will the neighbors think?”**

One final example might be Queen Jezebel, the wife of the wicked King Ahab. In 1 Kings 16:30-33, we are introduced to King Ahab and the Scriptures record for us that he **“did evil in the sight of the Lord, more than all who were before him.”** He was so evil that the Bible says **“it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam.”** Jeroboam was the king who had set up two golden calves at Dan and Bethel for the people to worship

the God that brought them up out of Egypt (1 Kings 12:25-33). Ahab was worse in that he brought in the Baals and Ashtoreths to worship along side of Jeroboam’s golden calves. In 1 Kings 16:31, we find out how he became such an evil king; it was because he had taken the wicked Jezebel as his wife. In 1 Kings 18:4, we find that it was Jezebel who massacred the prophets of God. In 1 Kings 19:2, she was the one who tried to kill Elijah the prophet. In 1 Kings 21, Jezebel was the one who had Naboth murdered so that Ahab could have his vineyard. What would have happened if Jezebel had been Noah’s wife? It should not be that difficult to imagine that she would have led them both