

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Spring Term of 2005**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
NOAH, DANIEL, AND JOB—PATTERNS OF LIVING AN OVERCOMING LIFE
ON THE LINE OF LIFE TO FULFILL THE ECONOMY OF GOD**

Message Two

Noah

(1)

A Herald of Righteousness

Scripture Reading: Gen. 6:8-9; 7:1; Heb. 11:7; 2 Pet. 2:5

- I. “Jehovah said to Noah,...you alone I have seen to be righteous before Me in this generation”—Gen. 7:1:**
- A. Whether one is righteous and godly or unrighteous and ungodly is crucial in regard to God’s governmental judgment—2 Pet. 2:5-9.
 - B. To be righteous is to be right with man before God, and to be godly is to express God before man; this was the manner of life that Noah lived, a manner of life that spared him from God’s governmental judgment according to His righteousness.
- II. “Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generations; and Noah walked with God”—Gen. 6:9b:**
- A. Noah inherited the godly ways and the spiritual blessings from his forefathers:
 - 1. Noah inherited Adam’s way of salvation, receiving the promise of Christ as the seed of the woman and the covering of Christ as the God-satisfying righteousness—3:20-21; Isa. 61:10a.
 - 2. Noah inherited Abel’s way of offering, which is that of offering Christ to God, not only as the sacrifice for our sins but also as a gift for pleasing God—Gen. 4:4.
 - 3. Noah inherited Enosh’s way of calling on the name of Jehovah to enjoy all that He is—v. 26; Rom. 10:12.
 - 4. Noah inherited Enoch’s way of walking with God, which is to take God as our center and everything, living and doing things according to God and with God—Gen. 5:22-24; Heb. 11:5-6.
 - B. Noah’s righteousness strengthened God’s standing to execute His judgment upon that ungodly generation—Gen. 6:5-8.
- III. “By faith Noah...became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith”—Heb. 11:7:**
- A. Faith is God’s element infused into us to be our believing ability—Rom. 3:22:
 - 1. When God is infused into our being, His element becomes our faith.

2. After God's element has been infused into us, something within us springs up to believe in Him; this is God in us believing for us—Heb. 12:2.
- B. The righteousness of God is what God is with respect to justice and righteousness—Rom. 3:21; 10:3:
 1. The righteousness of God is not merely a divine attribute—it is God Himself.
 2. Because we are fallen, God must deal with us according to His righteousness—3:21-25.
- C. Noah believed in God, and as a result he became a righteous person—Heb. 11:7; Ezek. 14:14, 20:
 1. Noah believed in God, and his believing was accounted to him by God as righteousness, even as it was to Abraham—Gen. 15:6; Rom. 4:4-5, 9.
 2. As a righteous man, Noah was right with God, with others, and with himself—Ezek. 14:14, 20.
 3. First, Noah received objective righteousness, and then grace strengthened him to live out subjective righteousness—Gen. 6:8-9.

IV. Noah became a herald of righteousness as a protest against the evil generation—2 Pet. 2:5; cf. Acts 24:25:

- A. The gospel is the power of God because the righteousness of God is revealed in it—Rom. 1:16-17.
- B. In the organic union with Christ, He becomes righteousness to us from God—1 Cor. 6:17; 1:30; Acts 13:39; Gal. 2:16.
- C. The word of righteousness embodies the thought of God's justice and righteousness in His dispensational and governmental dealings with His people—Heb. 5:13.
- D. Righteousness is being right with persons, things, and matters before God according to His righteous and strict requirements—Matt. 5:20; Deut. 25:13-16.
- E. Righteousness is a matter of God's kingdom—Matt. 6:33:
 1. Righteousness is related to God's government, administration, and rule.
 2. Righteousness issues from God for His administration—Psa. 89:14; 97:2; Isa. 32:1; Heb. 1:8-9.
- F. Righteousness is the outward expression of the Christ who lives in us as the life-giving Spirit—2 Cor. 3:8-9:
 1. The Spirit and righteousness are both related to our expressing the image of God—v. 18; Eph. 4:24:
 - a. God as the Spirit is moving in us as a substance and living in us as an essence.
 - b. The righteousness we express outwardly is also God Himself.
 2. The ministry of the new covenant—a ministry of the Spirit and of righteousness—is a ministry of God—2 Cor. 3:8-9.
- G. Righteousness is a matter of being right with God in our being—1 Cor. 15:34:
 1. To be right with God in our being is to have an inner being that is transparent and crystal clear—an inner being in the mind and will of God.
 2. To be righteous in this way is to become the righteousness of God in Christ—2 Cor. 5:21.