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*Go therefore and disciple
all the nations, baptizing them
into the name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
~ Matt.28:19*

Do you believe that, by himself, Noah was able to find grace in the eyes of the Lord? I do not believe that he did this by himself. The flood came 1,656 years after Adam was made. Adam lived for 930 years. This leaves 726 years from the year Adam died to the year the deluge came. When Adam was 622 years of age, Enoch was born and he lived as a contemporary of Adam for 308 years. After Adam died, Enoch still lived another 57 years before he was taken by God. 69 years later Noah was born. So, Noah was born only 126 years after Adam's death. When Enoch was 65, he begat Methuselah and then lived for another 300 years before he was taken away. Methuselah lived for 969 years, dying in Noah's 600th year, the year the deluge came. Undoubtedly, **Enoch learned the things of God from his forefathers, perhaps even learning directly from Adam.** The fact that Enoch named his son "Methuselah," which means "when he is dead, it shall be sent," proves that he taught his son concerning God. Methuselah must have taught his son, Lamech, and Lamech his son, Noah. **Noah came from a godly family and learned from his forefathers all the godly things.** Thus, **he came to realize his need for grace. His generation was corrupt and filled with violence.** The human race had become flesh. Noah lived in a crooked, perverse, and evil generation. Nevertheless, **his parents and grandparents** taught him the things of God, and he realized that he needed God's grace.

Now we can see why Noah found grace. Verse 3 of the same chapter indicates **that God was prepared to give grace** to fallen man, because His Spirit was striving with man, ready to give grace to the needy ones. However, **this grace needed human cooperation.** Noah gave the necessary cooperation and he found grace.

What is grace? Most Christians think that grace is merely something given by God. If I give you a Bible as a present, that is grace. Although this understanding is correct, in the Bible grace means much more than that. **Grace is not only something given by God, but it is God Himself doing things for us.** Grace is not merely something objective that is given to us by God. Grace is God Himself coming to us and doing things for us. Are you weak? God will come to be your strength, and that coming of God is grace. Are you unable to face your situation? That need not be a problem, because God will come to stand with you and face that situation for and in you. This is grace. If you read Genesis 6 carefully, you will see that grace here does not mean that God gave Noah many things. It means that **God came to Noah and was with Noah.** God's presence was Noah's strength and power. Noah not only enjoyed something given to him by God objectively, but **he enjoyed God Himself.** In the midst of a crooked, perverse, and adulterous generation, a generation whose temptations no one could withstand, Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. God came to strengthen Noah that He might stand with him and uphold him. That was the grace that Noah found, and **that is the grace that we need today...**

Grace is God Himself enjoyed by us and **helping us to face the situation of the flesh.** In a sense, if there were no flesh, grace would not be so much needed. If it were not for the flesh, probably God would not have to give us so much grace. We have seen that, according to Hebrews 4:16, we may find grace to meet our timely need. **What element causes us to need grace?** It is **mainly the flesh.** I sympathize with the young people, for I was once a young man myself. As I passed through all the human experiences, I came to realize how much we are in the flesh. Although I do not like to be in the flesh, the flesh is here. Once I got mad at the Lord and said to Him, "Lord, why don't You take away my flesh?" Eventually He showed me that, in a sense, I needed the flesh, for **the flesh is the very factor that compels me to come to the throne of grace.** I cannot do anything with this flesh. All I can do is **go to the throne of grace.** Although there is nothing that we can do, yet there is somewhere that we can go—the throne of grace.

If you read the New Testament carefully, you will see that **where the flesh is, there also is grace...** Do not say that you do not have the flesh. You have a great deal of flesh. Even as you read this message, you have the flesh to contend with. What shall we do? Let us come to the throne of grace for the sake of dealing with the flesh. **Because the flesh is here with us, we need grace.** (Excerpts from The Life-study of Genesis, ch. 28).

Church Announcements:

1. Prayer Mtg by Area – Sept 22
2. Gospel Tract Distribution – Sept 20
3. Brothers' Mtg – Sept 27
4. Mtg Hall Purchase Update – Remaining Needed \$195K
5. Church in Lethbridge Visitation – Oct 11
6. Church in Winnipeg Conference – Oct 17-18

Conferences & Trainings

1. Chinese-Speaking Conference – Feb. 13-15 Anaheim CA USA
2. Spring ITERO – Mar. 20-22 Anaheim CA USA
3. Memorial Day Conference – May 22-25, Dallas TX USA
4. Summer Training – Jun. 29-Jul.4 Anaheim CA USA
5. Fall ITERO – Sept. 24-26 Amsterdam Netherlands
6. Thanksgiving Conference – Nov. 26-29 Denver CO USA
7. Winter Training – Dec. 21-26 Anaheim CA USA

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PRAYER BURDENS:

1. Lord, make us answer Your call and be part of those whom You've called to turn the age. May we all find favor in Your sight and cooperate with You to carry out Your original purpose even in the midst of apparent defeat.
2. Thank You, Lord, that in You we lack nothing. We are pleased and satisfied for we are saved, we can please You, call on Your name, live with a purpose, and walk with You. Cause our living to also be pleasing to You.
3. Lord, we need You. We need Your presence to be with us to be our strength and power. We give ourselves to You in this dark and crooked age. Uphold and sustain us to come forward to the throne of grace.
4. Lord, have mercy on us for we have no chance in today's temptations and tide without Your grace. Make us those who find grace, receive the abundance of grace and reign through righteousness unto eternal life.
5. We pray to be today's Noahs. Give us the vision of the ark that You may have a way to terminate this age and bring in a new age. Reveal to us Your need for the proper church life and strengthen us to build the ark, the church.
6. Lord, teach us to work in such a way that ministers God to others – ministering not just the building God, but also the builded God. Continue to make home in our hearts and cause us to work according to Your revelation.

North America/Europe/Other Burdens

1. Please pray for upcoming ITERO in Amsterdam on September 24 to 26. Please pray that the Lord will release a timely word to all the leading ones and the saints in Europe and around the globe, and that the saints everywhere will receive the revelation and the life supply in this word that will enable them to cooperate with the Lord for the building up of the Body and the preparation of the bride to end this age.

Local Burdens

1. Pray for the finalization of the purchase of the meeting hall - [1550 Park St.](#) Please pray:
 - That all legal, financial, and practical matters be completed in peace, without hindrance, and in a timely manner leading up to the possession date of December 1, 2026.
 - For all the saints to be blessed abundantly and be faithful to give their offerings and pledges of \$100,000 by October 31, 2026.
 - For the strong financial support of \$250,000 (remaining need of \$195,000) and persistent prayers from all the saints in the local churches of Canada.
2. Pray for the new semester and our campus work at the University of Regina. May the Lord gain new ones who are simple, pure, open and hungry for the Lord's word. May they see Christ and the church.
3. Pray for positive approval of the immigration papers of Liu/Qu, Aguador, Alforte and Gonzales families.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

- ✓ Lord's Table & Prophesying—Lord's Day 10:00-12:00PM
- ✓ Prayer Meeting—Tuesdays 7:00-8:00PM
- ✓ Chinese-Speaking Bible Reading—Mondays 7:15-8:15PM
- ✓ College Meetings—Fridays 6:30-8:30PM
- ✓ YP Meetings—Sundays 4:00-5:30 PM
- ✓ Children's Meeting—Saturdays 10:00-11:00AM
- ✓ Small Group Meetings—Fridays/Saturdays 7:00-8:30PM