



Maybe you are thinking what does this have to do with that?

Noah lived in a community

It was a community made entirely of family

It was a community that was living on a limited clock

It was a community that had lost its way



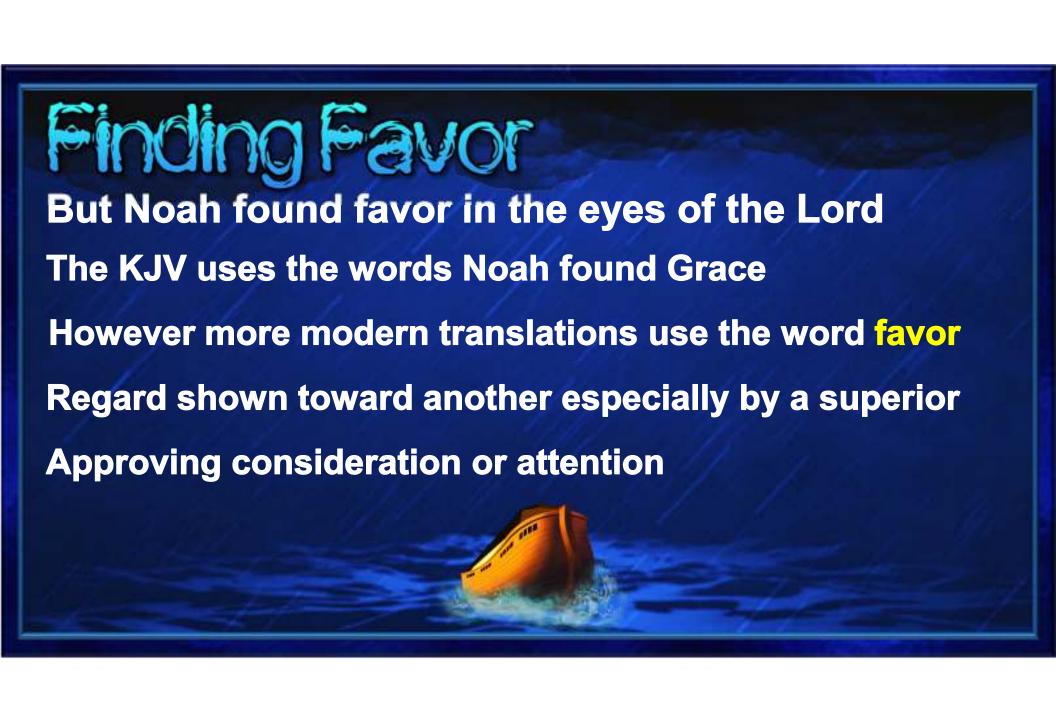




So, the LORD said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them."

Genesis 6:7







Who else in the Bible found favor with God?

Abraham -- Genesis 18:3

Moses -- Exodus 33:12

Joseph -- Genesis 39:21

Gideon -- Judges 6:17-18

Samuel -- 1 Samuel 2:26

**David -- Acts 7:45-46** 

**Daniel -- Daniel 1:9** 

## Finding Favor

The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

**Luke 1:29** 

**Luke 1:28** 

Every time somebody finds favor with God, it means God has a job for them to do









In this case God desires to restore humanity not destroy it

To do that without totally recreating humanity he needs humans

This is why God sent the angel to Mary



Could God have just created a human body, brought it to life and moved into it?

Sure, he could but in doing so he could be human but would not have experienced all of humanity.

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14



Remember for a relationship to exist there must be two or more parties

Since God desired the relationship, then technically he needed a human (Noah)

When God Desires a Favor Who does He Choose?



## Finding Favor

He looks for those that are interested in the relationship

This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.

He accepted there was a God

He acknowledged God as his authority

He attempted to live by God's law



Ezekiel 14:12\_14

Genesis 6:9



He looks for those that are interested in the relationship

He is called blameless among the people of his time

Blameless does not mean perfect.

All of those favored people had a heart of repentance

I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

**Acts 20:21** 



He looks for those that are interested in the relationship

He walked faithfully with God (Hebrews 11:7)

Noah's ark was not built in a day, a year or even a decade

Noah was preparing for something he may have never seen

That is faith God seeks



He looks for those willing to listen to Him (Genesis 6:13-21)

Once God finds those interested in him the next question is will, they listen?

They all not only had things God wanted them to do, they had ways God wanted to do them

Once you listen you are ready to find God's favor





He looks for those willing to follow him

Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

Genesis 6:22

God desires us to act (James 1:22-25)

**Actions speak louder than words** 

We cannot just store the information we have to apply it





2 Corinthians 6:2

## Ultimate Favored

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

**Luke 2:52** 

He did God's will God's way (Philippians 2:8)

There is a difference between be excited and being willing

To do God's will I think it important to see the lead words "humbled by becoming obedient."

## Ultimate Favored Grace

He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.



2 Timothy 1:9-10

