

**THE MASTERCRAFT:**

**“SOWING THE SEED OF GOD’S PROTECTION”**

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**For every protection, there is a seed.**

**Text Genesis 7:23; Genesis 8:1-5 and Psalm 91:1**

**7:** <sup>23</sup> Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; .... Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark. .... ***WHY WAS IT ONLY NOAH THAT WAS LEFT?***

**8:**<sup>1</sup>“But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and God sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded.  
<sup>2</sup> Now the springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens had been closed, and the rain had stopped falling from the sky. <sup>3</sup> The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone down, <sup>4</sup> and on the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. <sup>5</sup> The waters continued to recede until the tenth month, and on the first day of the tenth month the tops of the mountains became visible.”

<sup>14</sup>.....the earth became completely dry.

<sup>15</sup> Then God said to Noah, <sup>16</sup> “Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. <sup>17</sup> Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it.”

**All through the period of the great flood that wiped out the entire creatures on earth, God’s eyes never left Noah --- God protected Noah; .*WHY DID GOD DO THAT?***

*We are so quick to pray: “**God please protect us**”*

*BUT the fact is that “**God’s protection rests on seed we have sown**”.*

*Noah first sowed a seed and then enjoyed God’s protection. Seed of salvation, obedience and resilience.*

**Noah** was instructed to **build** an **ark**, and in accordance with God's instructions he took into the **ark** male and female specimens of all the world's species, from which the stocks might be replenished.

*Seed of:*

**Salvation** – *believe, be righteous and fear God*

**Obedience** – *hear God’s voice and follow it*

**Resilience** – *Persistent until it comes to pass*

***The Evidence of a good seed is Work – Faith without work is dead (James 2:26)***

**Noah believed, was righteous and feared God**

**Genesis 6:** <sup>9</sup> 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.”

**Noah was obedient – he heard God’s voice and followed it**

**Genesis 6:**<sup>13</sup> So God said to Noah, “I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them... <sup>14</sup> So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. <sup>15</sup> This is how you are to build it: .... <sup>22</sup> Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

## **Noah was resilient**

Genesis 7:<sup>11</sup> In the 600 year of Noah's life, ....one day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. <sup>12</sup> And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

..... <sup>17</sup> For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. <sup>18</sup> The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, **and the ark floated on the surface of the water.** <sup>19</sup> They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. <sup>20</sup> The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than fifteen cubits. <sup>21</sup> Every living thing that moved on land perished—birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind.

**Though everything perished, Noah's works endured. He built it resiliently based on what God had told him.**

So having sowed the seed of Salvation (Righteousness), Obedience and Works, God protected Noah.

### **We need to sow the seed of God's protection.**

A true seed is made up of many parts: Even science confirm that the three primary parts of a seed are the **embryo, endosperm, and seed coat**. The **embryo** is the young multicellular organism before it emerges from the seed (this can be likened to our inner self that drives our obedience to God's word/voice – **hear/obey God's command**). The **endosperm** is a source of stored food, consisting primarily of starches (**inner conviction, our resilience, can-do spirit**). The seed coat consists of one or more protective layers that encase the seed (**salvation, righteousness and fear of God**).

**A true seed is made up of the three parts: Salvation – protected with fear and trembling - ; hearing/obeying God's direction – evidenced with the ark you are building; and resilience/your conviction - *evidenced by the result you achieve (works that is seen.***

Seed is always sown in secret but the result (works) comes to physical manifestation.

**The bible says**

**Psalm 91:**

<sup>1</sup>“He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”

**(Noah enjoyed every part of Psalm 91 because he sowed all parts of the seed.)**

***a. Noah was righteously and quietly dwelling in the secret place of God while people around him were busy sinning.***

<sup>3</sup> Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. <sup>4</sup> He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. <sup>5</sup> You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, <sup>6</sup> Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

***b. God caused the ark to float while every other thing on earth was drowning?***

<sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; *But* it shall not come near you. <sup>8</sup> Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD, *who is* my refuge, *Even* the Most High, your dwelling place, <sup>10</sup> No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

**c. Noah is rewarded for the time he committed to consistently seeking God – for dwelling in the secret place of God.**

<sup>11</sup> For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup> You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

**d. We must recognize that the world is full of wolfs – wanting ti pull you down.**

**So when we are making our efforts in the secret, the world bombards us with their filth, pressures and disappointments. Noah must have faced a lot of these too as he built the ark. But put your confidence in the Lord and stay resilient. He will give His angels charge over you.**



<sup>14</sup> “Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. <sup>15</sup> He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I *will be* with him in trouble; **I will deliver him and honor him.**

**e. God delivered Noah because he set his focus/love on God, against odds.**

<sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation.”

**f. Brethren, every successful priest sows seed:**

- Jesus sowed seed
- Peter sowed seed
- Paul sowed seed
- Think of the Apostles you respect today, they all sow seeds.

Let us go and sow seeds of God’s protection.

And let us be **INTENTIONAL** about it.

**GOD BLESS YOU!**