

Part 3

No 7th-day Sabbath-Keeping Commandment Before Moses

And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Did Noah deserve the Lord's grace/favor? If so, then it would behoove all mankind who read this Scripture to follow the example of Noah.

For instance, it would have been quite valuable to know Noah obeyed the commandment to keep the 7th-day Sabbath holy.

Or it would have been helpful to know Noah was a kind neighbor, or a responsible citizen or even a loving father.

But, alas, no such information is forthcoming.

We do, however, find several commandments given Noah which he faithfully carried out in perfect obedience (Gen. 6:14-22).

But, alas, not one commandment concerns keeping the 7th-day holy unto the Lord.

We are told in Genesis 7:5, *And Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded him.*

But, again, no mention of Sabbath-keeping.

It would have been extremely beneficial for us to have known that Noah was declared 'righteous' due to his obedience to a certain ordinance or law, such as Sabbath-keeping (7:1).

The number 7 is mentioned several times in chapter 7, yet not once does it refer to a specific 7th-day which is to be set apart to God's service.

Moreover, considering it took Noah several decades to build the ark, one would expect there to be mention of Noah resting from his labor every Sabbath, proving his love of God and utmost respect for His commandments.

<https://answersingenesis.org/bible-timeline/how-long-did-it-take-for-noah-to-build-the-ark/>

Yet Scripture is silent.

In chapter 8 we find, *And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.*

²¹ *And the Lord smelled a sweet savour;*

If only Scripture had made a point of proclaiming Noah offered sacrifice to the Lord on the Sabbath!

But once more, we are disappointed.

The sweet savour the Lord smelled was not the day of the week, but the offering itself.

Conclusion: Christ is the perfect sacrificial offering in whom we biblical Christians place our faith, trusting Him with our eternal

souls. We do not place our faith in a day of the week, nor our imperfect works, nor our church attendance, nor our self-sacrifices, or bread sacrifices, nor our alleged 'perfect' obedience to His commandments. We biblical Christians, like Noah, are saved by grace, for we did nothing to merit such favor. The ark which saved Noah was a type of Christ, who keeps us safe, no matter how high or how rough the turbulent seas of life. Like Noah, we are justified without Sabbath-keeping.

P.S. Nowhere in the Noahic covenant (Genesis 9) was there a Sabbath-keeping commandment.