



ENTERING INTO GOD'S REST (3) (The Noah Factor)

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2025: OUR YEAR OF FULFILLED DREAMS GENESIS 41:1, GENESIS 42:9

- Noah's life presents a prophetic portrait of the Lord Jesus Christ, our ultimate rest (**Hebrews 11:6–7, Genesis 5:28–29; 12:1–11, Luke 17:26–27**).
- Rest must be announced. It is part of God's divine protocol to proclaim rest, for He is intentional about placing power in His Word (**Psalms 138:2**). Through His word, rest is communicated and released by prophetic declaration. Therefore, when God spoke to Israel about leading them into a land of rest, it was a deliberate and purposeful act.
- It has been proclaimed to us that CGCC is the headquarters of wealth, a divinely appointed place of rest. This is something God Himself has prepared for us. Our responsibility now is simply to step in and enter into it.
- It has also been proclaimed that CGCC will stand at the forefront of the mass evangelical campaign that will usher in the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. This is a prophetic declaration of the rest that lies

ahead of us.

- It has been foretold by prophetic declaration that a great stampede is about to begin, and that the whole city is already at the door. And this is not merely a crowd for crowd's sake, but a multitude ready to be discipled. They are at the door already.
- We have also heard that Nigeria will be saved; Nigeria will be changed (transformed); and Nigeria will become great in our lifetime.
- All these are declarations, because that is how rest is communicated—deliberately and prophetically. Yet, with repeated declarations, the message may begin to sound like a broken record. If one is not careful, the familiarity may cause the weight of the words to be lost, prompting the mind to dismiss them as something already heard. But no, God is intentional about the proclamation of rest (**1 Thessalonians 5:19–21**).
- We have been warned in the word of God that one of the ways to quench the Spirit and hinder

His operations is to despise prophecies, for true prophecy does not originate from human will. Scripture declares that the testimony of Jesus Christ is the spirit of prophecy. It is the Holy Spirit who births every genuine prophetic word. Therefore, to despise prophecy is to despise the Holy Spirit Himself (**2 Peter 1:16–21**).

- Do not belittle what God is doing, no matter how ordinary it may appear (**Matthew 11:25–26**). Do not lose that childlike posture of wonder and receptivity. Never reach a point where the word of God can no longer break you.
- Enoch, whose name means “initiated”, was unlike any other man of his time. He touched God unusually and intimately. When Enoch appeared, he triggered something profound in the realm of the spirit. As the seventh man from Adam, he marked a prophetic turning point and initiated a lineage distinguished by unique divine dealings (**Genesis 5:21–22**).
- A proper home is a sanctuary of rest. It is a place where peace surrounds you and where you can fully enjoy all that God has for you, serving Him with

diligence and consistency (**Ruth 3:1**).

- As fathers and mothers, we must not merely give material things to our children, but impart to them legacies of God's ways, plans, and purposes, just as was exemplified in the lineage of Enoch (**Jude 1:14–16**). Likewise, the generation that enters into God's rest must understand that it is not solely about them, but about continuing His purposes across generations.
- Even though Noah found grace in the sight of the Lord, he was not alone in this favour; others, like Enoch, also walked in God's grace (**Genesis 6:8**).
- The Bible says that Enoch walked with God, and He took him, whereas Noah also walked with God, but God left him (**Genesis 6:9**). This illustrates that the grace of God is multi-dimensional. Moses, too, found grace in the sight of God, yet he had to lead the people through the wilderness. God's grace manifests in diverse and unique ways, which is why those who are called to enter into His rest cannot afford to compare themselves with others.

- You will only bring hurt and distraction upon yourself the moment you begin to compare yourself with another person. What you need to do is discover and embrace the grace given to you through the Word that has been entrusted to you, for we are saved by grace through faith.
- When you believe the Word, grace is released. As grace flows and you remain attentive, you begin to perceive the patterns of God's dealings in your life—patterns that are often unique and tailored specifically to you.
- If you have a purpose in God, your life will not follow the path of everyone else. The grace He has given you is unique; so, do not compare yourself with others.
- Noah obeyed God wholeheartedly (**Genesis 6:22**). God gave him specific instructions to build the ark with compartments, showing that there is room for everyone's personality and unique gifts. God has already designed a plan for you, even before your arrival.

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- The way of rest is often not attractive (consider the pitch that covered the ark). Yet it was the pitch that made the ark float (**Genesis 6:13–14, Luke 17:26**).
- Noah was also a man of prayer. When he came out of the ark, the first thing he did was to set up an altar (**Genesis 8:20–21, Philippians 4:6**).