**WHAT MADE NOAH, DANIEL, AND JOB RIGHTEOUS?**

We are members of the Oak Ridge church of Christ. We call ourselves Christians ([**Acts 11:26**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%2011:26)) and we hold to the Bible as our one and only Truth. Church of Christ is a biblical description of Christians who work together for the cause of Christ ([**Ro. 16:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%2016:16)). We are independent assemblies with no organization beyond our own number as described in [**Phil. 1:1**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Philippians%201:1). There are Christians across the world working with local congregations of God’s people such as described in [**Rev. 2**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Revelation%202)**-3**. Christians are members of Christ’s body, which is also known as His Church ([**Acts 2:47**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%202:47)**,**[**Eph. 5:23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%205:23)). Our mission is to stand for God’s truth (the gospel) and teach it to all people ([**Matt. 28:18-20**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Matthew%2028:18-20)**,**[**Romans 1:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%201:16)**,**[**1 Tim. 3:15**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=1%20Timothy%203:15)). We are accountable to our one and only Head Jesus Christ ([**Eph. 1:22-23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%201:22-23)**,**[**Col. 1:18**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Colossians%201:18)).

We want all in our audience tonight to open your Bibles to **Ezekiel chapter 14. In verses 12-13** we see that when there is persistent unfaithfulness in a land, God will extend His hand against it. When you have persistent unfaithfulness and the Lord’s hand is against a land, in **verse 14** the scriptures says: ***“Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, they would only deliver themselves by their own righteousness,” says the Lord God.*** A similar statement is made in **verses 19-20** of the same chapter. We want to consider the reasons why God would place such a high honor on Noah, Daniel, and Job.

**WHY DOES GOD MENTION THESE THREE MEN?**

**All were faithful, in spite of trials (We all have trials – and God gives us a way to be faithful during them)**

* Noah (**Genesis 6:5-9, 22**)
* Daniel (**Daniel 1:1-21, 6:10-11**)
* Job (**Job 1:1-8, 20-22**)

**All were in the minority – Matthew 7:13-14, 22:14**

* Noah (**1 Peter 3:20-22**) – eight out of millions
* Daniel (**Daniel 6:11-17**) – the only one recorded who defied the decree
* Job (**Job 19:13-22**) – even close friends turned on him

**All endured and pleased the Lord**

* Noah (**Genesis 7:11, 8:13-20, 2 Peter 2:5, Hebrews 11:7**)
* Daniel (**Daniel 8:27, 9:1-3, 10:1-3, 12:13**)
* Job (**Job 42:1-6, James 5:10-11**)

**All were loved by God**

* Noah (**Genesis 6:8-9, 18**)
* Daniel [**Daniel 9:23, 10:11, 19** (greatly loved ESV)]
* Job (**Job 2:3, 42:7-17**)

**CLOSING**

We encourage you in our audience tonight to learn from Noah, Daniel, and Job. Obey God and He will bless you in this life and for eternity in Heaven one day! If you are not a Christian, please consider this. ***If God commanded Noah, Daniel, or Job to do something, do you think they would do it?***

God now commands all to believe His Son, be willing to confess His name before men, repent of our sins, be baptized to wash away those sins, and then live righteously for Him. Obedience in baptism is how one becomes a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can be like Noah, Daniel, and Job by pleasing God, even when in the minority and facing trials (**Revelation 7:13-17**).

We invite all in our audience to our Bible studies on Wednesday at 7pm and Sunday morning at 9am. We would love to study God’s together with you! Please check the scriptures we have covered tonight. We want to help you in any way we can. Contact us for Bible studies by telephone, e-mail, or simply come to one of our assemblies. Contact: We assemble at 225 North Purdue Ave. in Oak Ridge at 9am on Sundays and 7pm on Wednesdays; oakridgechurch.com; [larry.paden.paden@oakridgechurch.com](mailto:larry.paden.paden@oakridgechurch.com), [murray.wade@oakridgechurch.com](mailto:murray.wade@oakridgechurch.com); (865) 693-1416.

We plan to have a re-airing of this program on Monday, December 19, 2022 and we will probably have a re-air on January 2, 2022 since the TV studio will be closed for the holiday. Our next live program is planned for January 9, 2022 when we plan to study “**Psalm 23 – The Lord is My Shepherd?**” We hope to see you next time on **"Speaking The Truth In Love".**