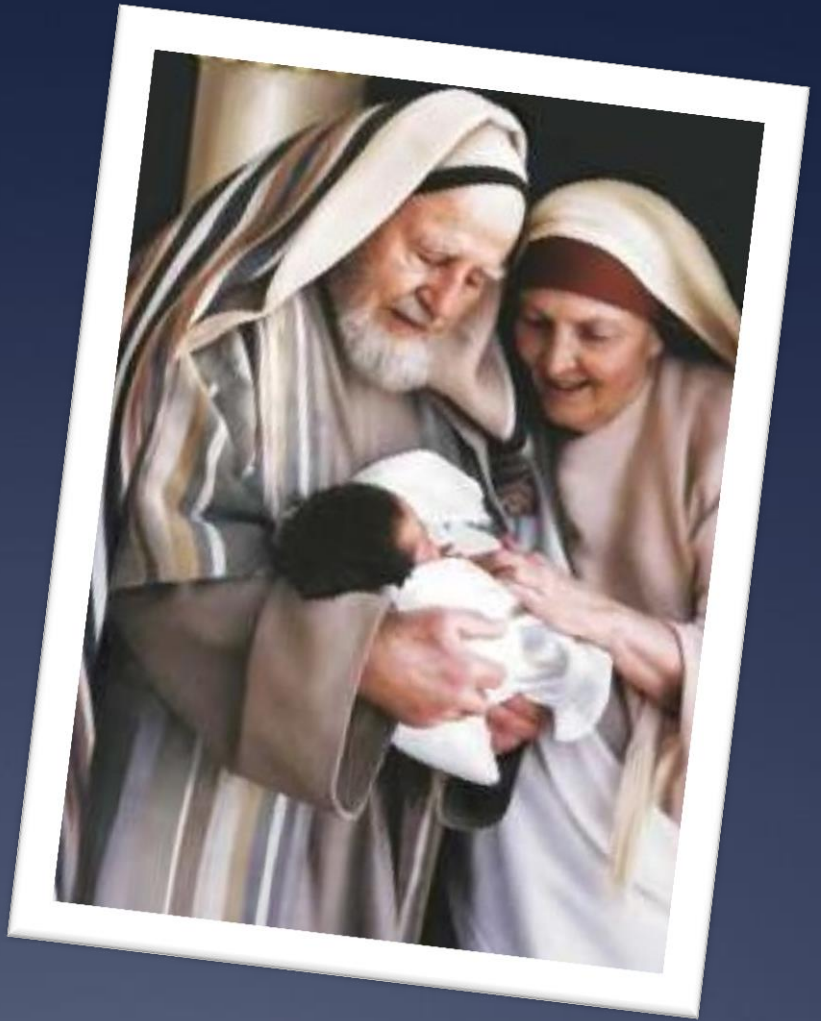


“And they were both
righteous before God,
walking in all the
commandments and
ordinances of the Lord
blameless.”

(Luke 1:6)



**What are the qualities of
the righteous?**

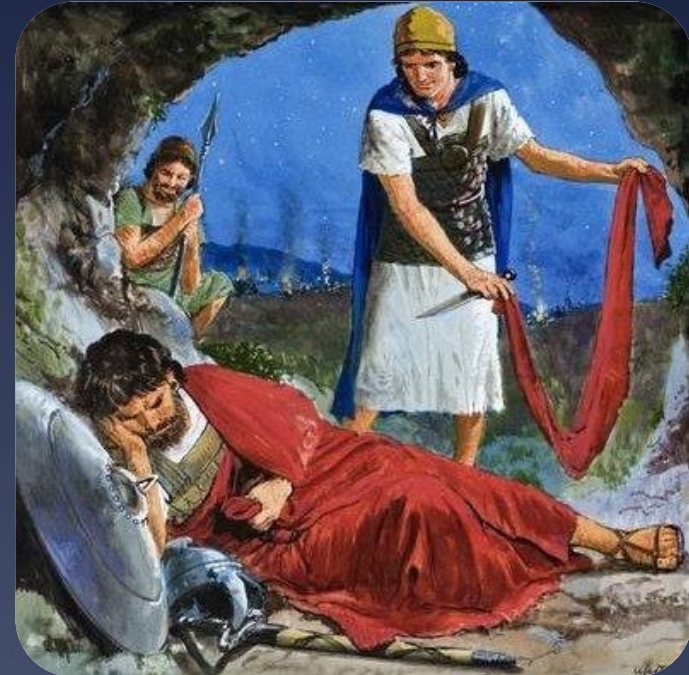
1. Lot

- * "...and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)." (2 Peter 2:7-8)
- * Filthy conduct and wickedness was offensive to him
- * He set his mind on things above
 - * "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth." (Col 3:2)



2. David

- * “Then he said to David: You are more righteous than I; for you have rewarded me with good, whereas I have rewarded you with evil.”
(1 Sam 24:17)
- * David displays his righteousness because he did not repay evil with evil
- * “For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.”
(Matt. 5:46-48)



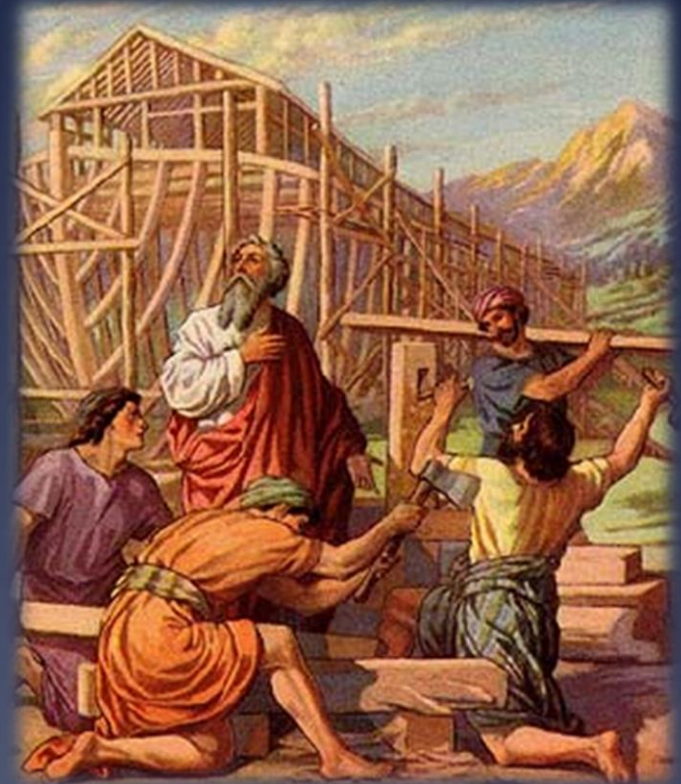
3. Job

- * “Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness,” says the Lord God.” (Ezk 14:14)
- * Job’s righteousness came from his ability to remain faithful despite difficult circumstances
- * “Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.” (James 5:11)



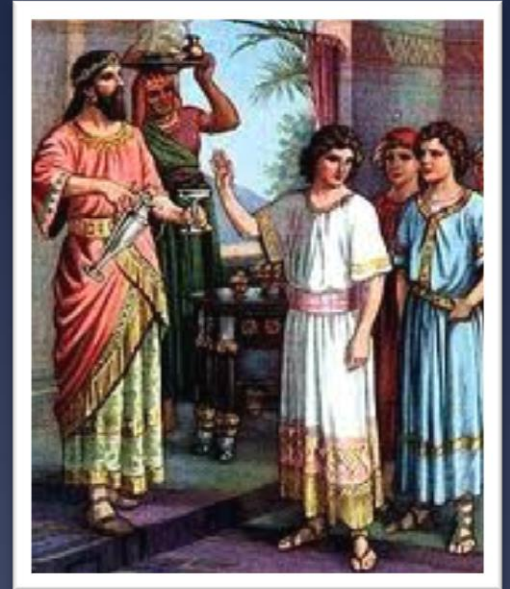
4. Noah

- * “Noah was a righteous man, who was perfect in his generation and well-pleasing to God.” (Gen 6:9)
- * “Then the Lord God said to Noah, Enter the ark, you and all your family, because I have seen you righteous before Me in this generation.” (Gen 7:1)
- * Noah was righteous because he was able to captain his family amidst rough seas



5. Daniel

- * “But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies...” (Dan 1:8)
- * Daniel was righteous because of his persistence in obeying God’s commandment



6. Abraham

- * “And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.” (Gen15:6)
- * Abraham was accounted righteous because his faith in God’s promise was dynamic



What are the qualities of the righteous?

1. Filthy conduct and wickedness are offensive to me
2. Set their mind on things above
3. Do not live a reactionary life – repay evil for evil
4. Remain faithful despite difficult circumstances
5. Successfully captain (lead) their ship amidst rough seas
6. Purpose in their heart to obey God's command
7. Having a dynamic relationship with God

How are we made righteous?

- * Who is really righteous?
- * For the Lord is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright. (Ps. 11:7)
- * How then are we made righteous?
 - * But seek first the kingdom of God and **His righteousness**, and all these things shall be added to you. (Matt. 6:33)
 - * For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might **become the righteousness of God in Him**. (2 Cor. 5:21)
 - * Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which **righteousness dwells**. (2 Pet. 3:13)

