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

I want all in the assembly to open their 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 this morning, 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**).