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The Death of Noah

9: 28-29

The death of Noah REFLECT: If you could write your own legacy to your family, what would it be? How do you want to be remembered? What can you do today to make that legacy happen?



Noah was not greatly affected by the atmospheric conditions after **the Flood** and **after the Flood** he **lived 350 years. Altogether, Noah lived 950 years (9:28-29a)**. He **lived** longer than any of his ancestors except **Jared** (962 years) and **Methuselah** (969 years). Because there are no gaps in the genealogies of **Genesis 11**, this means that **Noah** continued living until **Abraham** was about fifty-eight years old. It is likely that **Noah** lived until after the dispersion of the nations at Babel.¹⁷⁷ Just as there were ten generations from **Adam** to **Noah**, so there were ten generations from **Noah** to **Abraham**, the father of **the Jewish people**.

Like Enoch, **he** had **walked with God (5:21, 23, 6:9)** earlier in **his** life. However, it is sobering that after **his** drunken stupor, the last **350 years** of **his** life are silent. It is completely blank. Maybe if **Noah** had not fallen into sin after **the Flood**, perhaps **God** would have taken **him** away as **He** did Enoch (**5:24**). But in **Noah's** case that was not to be. But **Noah** did not lose **his** salvation and **his** restoration was complete. I need to be very clear about that. **His** drunkenness was awful. There was no excuse for it and it was a weakness of the flesh. Nevertheless, **he** was a saved man (see my commentary on **The Life of Christ, to see link click Ms - The Eternal Security of the Believer**). Still, the memory of what **he** had done remained to cloud the glory of **his** earlier days. Then, like



his ancestors in **Chapter 5, he died (9:29b).**¹⁷⁸