

Essential Fatherhood

I. Noah the Archetype of Fathers

A. Definitions of *Archetype*

1. "A typical example of a certain person or thing"; "A model"; "An original to be imitated"

B. Our archetypal father, our hero of the faith from which we gain our sight of the characteristics of a true father, is Noah

1. Hebrews 11.7

a. The primary motivation for Noah to build the Ark was the saving of his family and therefore his fatherhood lies at the roots of his actions

C. Eight Essential Characteristics of a Father

1. **Number 1: Full of** _____

a. "By faith Noah..."

2. **Number 2:** _____ **With God**

a. "...Being warned by God..."

3. **Number 3: Spiritually** _____

a. "...about things not yet seen..."

4. **Number 4: Accurately** _____

a. "...in reverence..."

5. **Number 5: Strategically** _____

a. "...prepared an ark..."

6. **Number 6: A** _____

a. "...for the salvation of his household..."

6. **Number 7:** _____

a. "...by which he condemned the world..."

7. **Number 8: A** _____

a. "...and became an heir of righteousness..."