

Transforming Daily
“ . . . the Lord smelled a soothing aroma . . . ”
Genesis 8:21

That’s what thanksgiving to God is. Our lives offered to Him in such a way that the result is a soothing aroma to God. The world was in utter chaos. Everyone was doing whatever they wanted to do according to their good pleasure. No one had regard for God. However, in the very thick of it, Noah (and his family) found grace in the eyes of the Lord (Gen.6:8).

God tells Noah exactly what’s going to happen, and tells him to build an Ark (a boat) to house all of whom He chooses. Noah could have rebelled, but he didn’t. He acted obediently in faith to accomplish what it was that God had assigned to him. Roughly One-hundred-and-twenty years later (no kidding, read it Gen.5:32, 6:3, 7:11), God sends the flood. Noah, his family, and the assorted animals were aboard and “drifted” for about half a year. They landed, and the first thing Noah did was to build and alter to give thanks in worship to God.

The post-Christian era Christian has a very similar setting in which he or she lives. More and more each day (satisfying Scripture when it says, “but as the days of Noah were . . .”) the believers find themselves less and less accepted and appreciated for their high moral standards and righteous living to God. Whereas Scripture does say that God will not send another flood like the one Noah experienced, God does say that Jesus Christ is coming again. How should we then live, as Francis Schaeffer wrote about? The believer is to live the same way then, as now, and forever, with thanksgiving to God.

How are you living? Are you thankful to God for who He is and what He is doing? Is your life a living sacrifice to God? Would it be said of your life in eulogy or epitaph that the Lord smelled a soothing aroma?