

Noah (Lesson 1)

Hebrews 11:7; Genesis 6

Hebrews 11:7 - By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

- How are we preparing ourselves and others for what we know is going to happen even though it hasn't arrived yet?

Noah in the hall of fame of faith because when him God warned of what was to come, he moved to prepare for it by building an ark so his family could be saved from the flood and judgment. As a result, his reward was salvation and right position in and with God which comes through faith.

Let's take this apart.

- Noah receives a revelation and warning from God.
- Noah believes the word from God. His faith arrives after he hears the word of God.
 - Romans 10:17 - **So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**
- Noah puts his faith into action by preparing the ark. Faith without works is dead (James 2:14).
- He builds the ark in advance even though the evidence of what God says is going to happen, has not manifested yet. The evidence is not fully there yet...all he has to go on is the word of God...and that seems to be enough for him.
- His actions by faith results in him and others being saved.
- He condemned the world; he preached repentance and he didn't follow the way of the world.
- The reward and results – righteousness and being right with God is in his future because of his faith.

So much application for us today.

- Do we have a word and warning from God today? Yes.
- Do we believe in God's word? I hope so.
 - Do we believe it even when or if we don't see clear evidence right now? I hope so.
- Do we exercise faith in God's word through our actions?
- If you answer yes to the above questions, expect to see salvation and deliverance in your current situation.
- Expect to have a positive influence on others being saved.
- Expect the world to reject you but no matter, you can fully expect God to accept you and reward you further by being in right standing with Him.

Find the word for your right now situation as well as the coming judgement.

Genesis 5:27-29

Methuselah – means sending a dart. Signifies the deluge, flood came the year he died. Longest living man (969 years); lived longer because of God’s mercy in delaying the judgment to come. Noah’s grandfather.

Noah – means “rest”.

- Noah’s father names him “rest” perhaps because he prophesies that through Noah will come rest and comfort from the curse of man’s sins.

See 1 Peter 3:20, 2 Peter 2:5 Eze 14:14. These verses support the ideas of:

- God delaying judgement so that others could be saved.
- Noah’s right standing with God produced his salvation. Without it, you are doomed.

Genesis 6:3, 5, 8-9

³ And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

⁵ And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

The problem is God’s Spirit is striving with our flesh. Our flesh can never please God. We must be motivated and led by the Spirit. This also protects our hearts and mind from being stuck on evil things. Here, the state of the world was people were continually and only thinking about doing evil rather than pleasing God. God will only be so patient and then finally the judgment will come.

⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. ⁹ These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

Just as with Enoch, we see that the Bible credits Noah with walking with God. What does that mean? How do you walk with God?

Walk defined is to move at a regular pace, never having both feet off the ground. It is also to guide, accompany or escort someone on foot. So to walk with someone is to be in agreement and in the company of that person.

To walk with God must mean you are travelling with God and in the same direction and path of God. To travel that closely, you must also be in agreement with God. Since we don’t know everything, it must

also mean we are being led by God. Since God is a Spirit, when we walk in the Spirit, we are walking with God. For me, walking with God follows the exact sequence of the seven Feasts. In particular, if you are not at level 4, then it will be difficult to continue walking with God because you must have the Holy Spirit in order to follow God. This means not letting your flesh strive against His Holy Spirit.

Verses 1-3: God will put up with just so much before He releases judgment. Gives man 120 years to repent before He will bring judgment.

Verses 4-6: This was Satan's plan to prevent salvation of man and the fulfillment of God's plan by removing the seed of the women, e.g. fallen angels mating with humans. This would have prevented a true Adam from being born as Christ was to redeem man. Noah's generation was free of this sin.

Verse 8-9: Noah is an exception. Found grace with God. Not that Noah was good, but that God offered him grace. We too are under grace.....unmerited favor from God for salvation.

¹² And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. ¹³ And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Here we have the historical account mentioned in Hebrews about Noah and what specifically God spoke to him. The reason for the judgment is given. There was no regard for the Spirit of God. Filled with violence. If the earth is filled up to the brim in evil, then God has to make room for His Spirit to dwell so something/everything has to go.

Verse 11 – earth corrupt, earth filled with violence. Means if it was full of violence, there must not be any room for mercy. When you are so full of violence and hate it places you in a position to face judgment from God.

Verse 12 – the source of the corruption was all flesh. Corruption came from where....flesh.

Verse 13 – time is up. God is not mean, His mercy has delayed this event. God has to take some things out, He has to deal with some things or else it places the entire plan of salvation in jeopardy. Some things you just can't let go on for very long or else it will kill the overall plan and destroy your hope for the future.

- In the process of salvation, there must be a dealing with the flesh first. Killing the flesh is part of the process of salvation.
- Earth to be destroyed or purged. Still here....changed.

Application: Likewise, we must make sufficient room for God. Some things we are holding onto must go. As we progress in walking with Him, we will be shown what other areas need to be surrendered to Him.

¹⁴ Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. ¹⁵ And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

¹⁶ A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it. ¹⁷ And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and everything that is in the earth shall die.

¹⁸ But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

¹⁹ And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

²⁰ Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

²¹ And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

²² Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Verse 14 – Ark was huge. Had many rooms. Pitch it or seal it. This is a symbol of us being sealed with the Holy Spirit.

Verse 14-16: In preparation for this time of judgment, God instructs Noah to build an ark. God gives specific instructions for how to build it.

- Purpose of the ark was to hold securely and safely those people whom God would protect through the judgment/flood. God was using Noah to execute a plan of salvation that He had designed to save mankind.
- Notice key features of the ark. It has rooms and is sealed with pitch (atonement = at one ment, brought into unity) to make it water tight or protect it from the judgment.

- Specific directions and measurements. Important, 6 times as long as wide, dimensions used in large ship building today. Before you start building and setting up rooms, get the directions from God so it won't come out looking crazy. **Application, God has specific plans and directions for how to be a good parent, how to be a good spouse, how to be a good worker and/or supervisor. Just get the instructions through the Word of God and obey by faith. Don't build your marriage until you get His specific directions.**
- Make a window (a place for light), a door (only one way to enter in), and three stories or levels (once you get into the Ark (good ship salvation) you have many rooms and different levels.
- See how this is our story today. Judgment is coming again but God through His grace has built an ark to allow us a way of escape.

There is a clear end time application. God seems to be practicing and providing a foreshadow of His plan. I see a number of comparisons.

- The there is still a coming judgment and tribulation in God's plan.
- The judgement points to the coming tribulation.
- The Ark seems to represent the Rapture.
- The Ark having many rooms appears to have a like reference to John 14 where Christ uses the Jewish wedding betrothal language as another picture of the Rapture. In my Father's house are many mansions or sometimes interpreted as many rooms.

Verse 17-18: New covenant established for those who enter the Ark. New promises. With salvation comes promise and new arrangement.

- Flood of waters. What does water do...it cleans. Who will bring the cleaning? God himself will do it. Application? Can't clean yourself up.
- Earth is not a good place for eternal investments.

Verse 18 – with salvation comes the new covenant and new agreement because you are starting a new life. Not designed for just Noah.....those connected to him get saved too. Only way to salvation was to come into the Ark. Explain? Can you make it through this just looking at the Ark, being around the Ark, even building the Ark? If you are not in it, you ain't saved. Note: this is level 4 of the Feasts. After your baptism (steps 1-3, then comes the seal of the Holy Spirit).

Too often we are surrounding the Ark with our concerns and issues, but those things will be destroyed, they can't last, can't be successful unless they are brought into the Ark. Talk to me. Only what you do for Christ will last. The things they had obtained and achieved in the world was about to be washed away and lost.

Notice, whatever Noah needed in his next season, God was providing. Those things that God allowed to be washed away were not needed or important for Noah's future. In fact, it was those things still in place which was delaying the release of something new and better for the earth.

Noah did the work, so we all could be saved. A carpenter....type of Christ. Noah was required to do more than know and understand God's plan, he needed by faith to participate in the execution.

Important: Noah needed to obey the word of God. Knowing the plan and obeying the plan are two different applications....you need both to be saved!!!

Application: God will show you what exactly to do. It is in His word. Your job and mine is to obey and follow God's instructions. Simply follow the plan and our reward is on the way. We still enter into the Ark today and receive salvation from the judgement to come by simply obeying the word of God!!!

Verse 19 – Notice, something else living is saved. Whatever is in the Ark is kept alive. Are there some things in your life worth saving, then perhaps you better bring them under the protection of the Ark so it can be kept alive because the world will cause it to die.

Verse 20 – Noah, a carpenter of sorts, whose name means rest....people and animals are to come unto him in order to be kept alive. Come unto all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

Verse 21 – Everything they will need will be on the Ark. So no reason to leave it until He says so.

Verse 22: Noah obeyed. This is what is celebrated in Hebrews 11. Why did Noah obeying these instructions take great faith? Because it didn't look like judgment was coming. It hadn't rained yet. Didn't see anything in the natural so only acted because of the word of God and His promises.

- Noah was an end time believer. Just like us. He lived in the last days before the flood, and we live in the last days so we should be attentive to what Noah does by faith.
- We have to follow the same spiritual steps that Noah did by faith in order to be saved.
- He walked with God, meaning what he did daily he did in the presence of God and/or with God's approval. He was obedient to the path God was leading him. He followed God's ways.

Note: The Noah lesson continues in Genesis Chapters 7-8. Also see the audio lessons.