



BY FAITH

Hebrews 11:6,7 – Genesis 6-8



Hebrews 11:

⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned *by God* about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Now faith is... without faith

- “By faith...”
- Abel and Enoch... offering and life
- Now, Noah!
 - Why such an example as this?
 - Why does he get mentioned by Jesus?



Time of Noah

Mt 24:37 "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.³⁸ "For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,

Lu 17:26 "And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷ they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.



Peter's Witness

1Pe 3:20 who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of **Noah**, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water.

2Pe 2:5 and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved **Noah**, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

Warned by God

- The “time of Noah” – sudden?
- Matthew and Luke record Jesus
- Peter uses him in both letters
- Ask “if” it happened, they knew!
- What do we learn about “by faith”?

Dealing with 'facts'

- Flood? What is rain...?
- Genesis 2:5,6 – a mist would rise
- God never did that before...
- Raising the dead, multiplying food, opening rivers, destroying walls...

Responding to God's heart

- When God sees sin... Genesis 6:6
- God said to Noah 6:13ff
 - What to make it out of
 - The dimensions, decks, windows
 - What to take with you

And one more thing...

- 6: 18 "But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you."
- God promised to be with them!
 - Living things IN the "ark"
 - Sealed with "pitch" – *kopher*

Noah's emotions...

- In reverence, awe, 'fear', caution
 - He acted seriously and specifically
 - Gen 6:9 – righteous and blameless
 - “in his time” – rebellion of people
 - ? years of preparation

Testimony in 'time'

- God gives people as a picture
 - Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Hosea
 - Jesus
 - YOU! Your 'patient endurance'
 - Preparing your ARK/pitch!

Noah found...

- Grace! Genesis 6:8
- Confirmed obeying, persistence
- God's protection in the storm
- Salvation for all "IN" the ark

As it was in the
days of Noah...so it
will be at the
coming of the Son
of Man. Matt 24:37



STORIES OF GREAT
FAITH

THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN HEBREWS 11

