



## Lesson 49

### Lesson 48: What Is Faith? (Part 5) Faith of Noah

Scripture: Hebrews 11:6-7

#### An Outline of the Life of Faith (vv. 4-7)

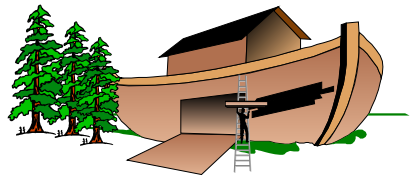
- (v. 4) The faith of Abel – the beginning of faith – how to approach and worship God.
- (vv. 5-6) The faith of Enoch – “walking in newness of life” (Romans 6:4, 19; Ephesians 4:22-24; 1 John 2:6)
- (vv. 6-7) The faith of Noah – “obedience” and “witness” for God.
- The **order** of faith is absolute. It cannot be **re-ordered!**
  - Unless one approaches God **first** through the blood sacrifice of the Lamb there can be know “walking” or “fellowship” with God.
  - Unless one is walking with God none of his works or witnessing will be pleasing to God.

#### Pleasing God (Hebrews 11:6)

- Without FAITH it is **IMPOSSIBLE** to please God! It **cannot** be done!
- God rewards those who diligently seek Him.

#### The Faith of Noah (Hebrews 11:7)

- **FIRST** notice the verbs in this verse:
  - **BY FAITH** Noah **Moved** and Noah **Prepared**.
  - **FAITH WORKS!** See James 2:14-26)



#### Was Noah Saved by Building the Ark?

- **YES and NO** is the correct answer!
- **FAITH WORKS! FAITH OBEYS!** So faith saved Noah, but his works were the outflowing of that faith. **GOD “graces” us so that we will “do” the works He has foreordained for us to DO!** (Ephesians 2:10)

- Would Noah have been saved if he did not build the ark? **NO!**
- Noah's Ark is a picture of our salvation. Biblical salvation **IS**:
  - ① A past event – 2 Timothy 1:9
  - ② A present event – Philippians 2:12
  - ③ A future event – Romans 13:11

## Noah's Faith – An Example of Our Daily Duties

- Verse 7 shows us that NOAH *lived* his life by faith, in the fear of God, and in obeying God's commands.
- We have duties here on earth to perform – we have a life to live!
  - ① We must live by FAITH – Galatians 2:20
  - ② In the fear and awe of God – Hebrews 12:28; Psalm 2:11
  - ③ Implicitly obeying God's Word – Hebrews 5:9; Acts 5:29.
- Walking along the NARROW path is AS important AS going through the NARROW gate. Consider Hebrews 10:39; 1 Peter 1:5.
- God still demands obedience. Without obedience no one will be saved!

## Noah's Faith in the Word of God

- God warned Noah concerning things Noah had never seen. Most likely a great catastrophe as God spoke about.
- Human reason would reason that God would never destroy the WHOLE human race!
- MEDITATE: The judgment was still a LONG TIME in coming (120 years; Genesis 6:3) – perhaps the world would change between now and then.
- When he preached (2 Peter 2:5) **no one listened or believed**, why should he fear if **everyone else** was "at ease."
- The task of building an ark would only bring scoffs and laughter from all his friends.
- God's instructions included how to build the ark but left many questions unanswered. – No sail, no anchor, no mast, will it float with such a heavy load, etc.
- **Though he did not understand, he trusted (had faith) in God.**
- **NOAH'S FAITH MOVED HIM TO PREPARE AN ARK!** Noah's faith was **REAL!** (James 2:14-26)



## **Noah Became Heir of Righteousness**

- **RIGHTEOUSNESS** – the **PERFECT** obedience of Christ imputed to us by faith. (See Jeremiah 23:6; Romans 5:19; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
- This **RIGHTEOUSNESS** is sometimes called:
  - The “righteousness of God” – Romans 1:17, etc.
  - “the gift of righteousness” – Romans 5:17
  - “the righteousness which is of God by faith” – Philippians 3:9
- **NOTICE** that Noah became an **HEIR** – signifying something yet in the future – also see Titus 3:7.