

“Faith of Noah”
Scripture Lesson – Genesis 6:1-14
Text – Hebrews 11:7

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Introduction:

1. Definition of faith – Hebrews 11:1
2. Chapter 11 of Hebrews illustrates
 - a. Abel accepted God’s plan of salvation
 - b. Enoch walked with God
3. Tonight see Noah living for God
 - a. Means comforter
 1. Family may have expected him to be Messiah

I. By faith he perceived terrible times in Genesis 5:21, 29

1. Genesis 6:5, 6
 - a. No other generation so described in the Bible
 - b. Genesis 6:2 accounts for it
 1. Giants fallen ones
2. Noah knew they did not live right
 - a. He would have had to receive revelation of goodness from God or use conception of mind.
3. Noah knew these people did not live according to holiness of God.

II. By faith saw impending judgment

1. Knew flood would come
2. We are assured it did
 - a. Archaeology
 - b. Geology
 - c. Both prove it
3. Noah knew it beforehand
 - a. Had been told of God
4. Here is faith
 - a. So far as we know all during the 120 years he did not doubt it

III. By faith saw God’s plan of salvation

1. He believed God
2. Built ark according to specifications
 - a. Evidently no sea faring men of that day or would have seen saved
 - b. Ark was perfect
 1. Early ship builders used as model dimensions
 2. Today after all scientific inventions would build after some pattern
3. Noah did not try to change God’s orders
 - a. He might have said, “Do not believe there will be any such judgment as flood.”
 1. Men say today no judgment

- b. Might have said, "No need for ark."
 - 1. Men say today no not heed Christ
- c. Workmen who helped on the ark were not saved
 - 1. Falling of trees – hewing of logs, hailing, together all was a warning
 - 2. But were not saved
 - 3. Many are laboring today on many fine things and so think will be saved.
But God says saved by Christ.
- 4. May I pause to warn you of a coming judgment and God's plan of salvation by Christ.

IV. Noah was a preacher of righteousness

- 1. Preached to a wicked world
- 2. Preached righteousness
 - a. Not easy to do
 - 1. Preacher told to preach about Jews. There would be none there.
 - 2. Man who said his preaching lambasted the sinners in Houston, but had nothing to say about sins in his own hometown.
 - b. Noah preached righteousness to these people.
- 3. Preached under most discouraging circumstances
 - a. 120 years and none believed
 - b. Said he was simple-minded
 - c. Public opinion not hostile just contemptuously cynical
 - d. Yet he went on preaching and building his ark
 - e. Greatest illustration of faith I know of
 - 1. Not building ark but preaching
- 4. He preached by living
 - a. He must have for own family believed him
 - 1. Dr. George Stuart saying in Birmingham he was a hypocrite
 - 2. Not Noah

Conclusion:

- 1. Need men like Noah today – men of faith
- 2. Men who will believe in a coming judgment
- 3. Men who will believe what God says about way of salvation
- 4. Men who will preach
 - a. By word of mouth
 - b. But most of all by their lives
- 5. Will you believe God as Noah did?