

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS
ENCOUNTERING CHRIST

Noah

Faith Working

PART 2

Hebrews 11:7 and Genesis 6-9

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IN SOME PLACES, GOD'S WORD IS UNDERLINED WITH DOTS WITH PASTOR JOE'S COMMENTARY IN THE BRACKETED, LIGHTER FACED TEXT.

A. Study Section

STUDY SECTION - Hebrews 11:7, NASB95 - ⁷ By faith [lit., by means of faith] Noah, being warned by God [lit., a divine warning that God Himself made known] about things not yet seen [we are looking down with fear because we've never been here before], in reverence [lit., to treat something as if it is God] prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he [rf., Noah] condemned the world, and became an heir of [Noah inherited] the righteousness [a declared legal status that satisfies the moral requirements of God's character] which is according to [it came about by] faith.

B. Three Proofs of Noah's Faith

1. Noah responded to God's Command with Obedience.

Genesis 6:13-14, NASB95 - ¹³ Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴ "Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch.

Hebrews 11:7a, NLT - ⁷ It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before....

Genesis 2:5-6, NASB95 - ⁵ Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground. ⁶ But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground.

2. Noah Rebuked the World with a Proclamation.

Hebrews 11:7, NASB95 - ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark...by which he condemned the world....

2 Peter 2:5, NASB95 - ⁵ and did not spare the ancient world, but [God] preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly....

3. Noah Received God's Righteousness by Faith.

Hebrews 11:7, NASB95 - ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark...and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Romans 3:28, NASB95 - ²⁸ For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law. (See Rom. 5:1 and Gal. 2:16)

Amos 3:7, NASB95 - ⁷ Surely the Lord GOD does nothing Unless He reveals His secret counsel To His servants the prophets.

Genesis 5:21, NASB95 - ²¹ Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah [lit. meaning: "When he is dead, it will be sent." When you line up the genealogical ages in Genesis 5 with the timing of the Flood in Genesis 7:11, Methuselah's death falls in Noah's 600th year, the very year the Flood began. The Jewish Talmud states that, "Methuselah died on the day the Ark was completed which was seven days before the flood began (BB p. 148b)"].

C. Application Section

Ephesians 2:8-10, NIV84 - ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

We are saved by grace—not works, but we are not saved by a faith that produces no works. Saving faith works—it does something.

What Ark are you building by faith?