

THE FAITH OF NOAH

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THESIS: To illustrate to the brethren that God desire obedient faith that works.

INTRODUCTION

1. One of the examples of faith set forth in scriptures for us is the faith of Noah.
2. Noah is described as a man who walked with God (Gen. 6:9).
3. Indeed, two cannot walk together unless they agree, so God could not walk with a man who would not obey Him (Amos 3:3).
4. It is not for nothing that this man, Noah, was listed among the Hall of Faith.
5. He was a righteous man who put his faith into action, for faith without works is unprofitable (James 2:14-26).
6. The examples of Noah that we need to imitate is the faith that acts.
7. We shall consider three things about Noah's faith that serve as good examples for our Christian journey.

- I. FAITH THAT WORKS.
- II. FAITH THAT HOPES.
- III. FAITH THAT JUDGES THE WORLD.

DISCUSSION

I. FAITH THAT WORKS.

A. Faith that generates energy to work.

1. Noah was warned by God about the coming wrath.
2. He believed God and was moved to work.
3. If Noah had only believed, He would not have built the ark.
4. Faith without works is indeed dead.
5. Noah may have been upset with his contemporaries because their sins had brought these upon them.
6. He had one better option, which was to obey since anything short of that was eternal condemnation.

7. The energy to build such a magnificent ark may have come from the anger he might have had as he watched the sinful conduct of the people.
8. We must be stirred today by the coming wrath to work for the Lord as well.
9. Faith first influences our affections, then our actions; and faith works upon those affections that are suitable to the matter revealed.

B. Faith that produces fear and obedience.

1. God's plans scared Noah and He was filled with fear.
 - a. Any man in his right mind must know some fear of the future and the wrath of God.
 - b. Yes, Noah was moved with fear before the wrath of God, and it drove him to seek salvation for his people.
2. There had not been flood before, yet Noah believed God
3. He did not dispute with God, why he should make an ark.
4. Noah obeyed the commands of God and did all things according to what God instructed (Gen. 6:22).
5. Noah feared the mightiness of God and believed that nothing could stop Him.
6. This fear became the power behind Noah's accomplishment.
7. His confidence (faith) in what God said would happen prompted him to act with reverence toward God.

C. His faith silenced all objections and set him to work in severity.

1. It may have been difficult trying to cut down multitude of gopher woods.
2. Noah did not ask; could there not be another way?
3. He worked to the satisfaction of God (Gen. 6:22).
4. How sure are we about God's satisfaction toward our works in Him?
5. Will He commend us (Mat. 25:23) or condemn us (Mat. 7:21-23).

II. FAITH THAT HOPES.

A. Faith gives confidence for the things we anticipate.

1. The coming of rains and consequently flooding had not been known yet Noah had confident and look up to it happening.
2. Faith is the substance of things hoped for.
3. It is the foundation of our conviction and the evidence of our assurance.
4. God was to be trusted in this matter, and man was to endure to the end.
5. Our hope now is to be in heaven with God and the Lord Jesus, we must therefore have faith (John 14:1-4).

B. Faith makes us do things that seem ridicules to the world, but to us a link to the power of God to save.

1. The preaching about the flood may have seemed ridiculous to the people at that time.
2. Noah's confidence in the warning he received from God could have been regarded as foolishness.
3. The building of an ark may have been a funny work to the people who would later fall in the hand of the Almighty.
4. The preaching by Noah for hundred and twenty years was foolishness as seen in the zero converts he made outside his house (Mat. 24:37-39).
5. In like manner, the preaching of the cross of Christ is foolishness to them that are perishing (1 Cor. 1:18).
 - a. It makes no sense to them that the Son of God should die for mankind.
 - b. To them, it makes no sense scientifically that one person's blood could take away the sins of all.

C. Faith that hopes is the faith which will be rewarded.

1. Noah persevered for a hundred and twenty days.
2. He preached and built the ark with the hope that God's promise of saving him would come to pass.
3. At the appointed time, Noah was called by God, "come thou and all thy house into the ark" (Gen. 7:1).
4. Noah's hope for God's deliverance made him obey with all diligence whatever he was told to do.

5. We will be rewarded likewise if we hold to our profession in the Lord (Rev. 22:12-14).

III. FAITH THAT JUDGES THE WORLD.

A. Noah condemned the world through living by faith.

1. Noah did not have faith out of vacuum.
2. He heard the warning from God and trusted in God (Heb. 11:7a).
3. Faith comes by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17).
4. These people considered life as only enjoying physical and earthly things like marriage, eating and drinking (Mat. 24:37-38).
5. Noah lived righteously amongst them yet that did not change the ungodly people.
6. Noah became an example to his family, and they followed (1 Pet 3:20).
7. His ability to live in a perverse land and still walk with God was enough to condemn the rest of the world (Gen. 6:7-8).

B. Noah condemned the world by his preaching.

1. He preached one hundred and twenty years, yet they did not believe neither did they obey.
2. As a result, all things whose nostrils were the breath of life perished when the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred and fifty days (Gen. 7:21-24).
3. These people heard the words of Noah in his preaching and warning but ignored (Mat. 24:38).
4. The same words they heard condemned them and none was spared (2 Pet. 2:5).
5. God, who is just, did not hide His plans from the people, He warned them.
6. Likewise, the last days of this world, the words which we have heard will judge us in the last day (John 12:48).

C. Noah judged the world of his time by his works.

1. Noah did not have a dead faith, but faith that acts in obedience.
2. He believed in God but did not end there, he added to his faith, works!
3. He built an ark according all the things God told him to do.

4. Faith without works is dead, (Jas. 2:17-26).
5. If Noah was moved by his faith to build an ark, then our faith should also move us to do the works for which we are called (Eph. 2:10).
6. He believed the warnings and then acted upon what he had heard.
7. Those who have faith today will also do what God says to do (Rom. 10:16).
8. Christ gave us a similar warning in the parable of the wise and foolish virgins; that those who were prepared just like Noah's days were rewarded and those who refused to prepare were condemned (Mat. 25:1-13).
9. How prepared are we for the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

D. Like Noah's Ark, entry into the church will cease and there will no more be mercy.

1. There was only one ark that saved mankind; there is only one church that saves (Gen 6:14; Eph. 5:23; 4:4; Acts 2:47).
2. Those in the ark were saved by water, so are we saved by water baptism (1 Pet. 3:21).
3. No one knew the day the flood was coming, so it is today, we do not know when Jesus (the Son of man) will be coming to judge the world (Mat. 24:37-39, 43-44).

CONCLUSION

1. When the world was groping in sin, there was a man who stood for righteousness to walk with God.
2. Noah's faith is the kind of faith that is demonstrated in obedience to work; yea, it is a Faith That Works.
3. Noah's faith is the faith that anticipates the reward ahead and endures till the hope becomes a reality; it is a Faith That Hopes.
4. Noah's faith judged the world and condemned every living thing on earth; it is the Faith That Judges.
5. Salvation is found only in Christ, make the choice now (Acts 4:11-12).
6. If you are a visitor, may I invite to enter into the house of God which is the church of the living God by:
 - a. Believing the gospel (John 8:24).
 - b. Repenting from your sins (Acts 2:38).
 - c. Confessing Jesus as the Son of God (Acts 8:37).
 - d. Being baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38, Mark 16:16).