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# Noah

## Lessons from the Life of Noah

PART 5

Hebrews 11:7, Matthew 24:39, and Genesis 6-9

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“But God remembered Noah...” - Gen. 8:1

## What will we remember from the life of Noah?

### 1. Noah was ready— *we must be ready also.*

**Matthew 24:37–39, NCV** -<sup>37</sup> When the Son of Man comes, it will be like what happened during Noah's time. <sup>38</sup> In those days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving their children to be married, until the day Noah entered the boat. <sup>39</sup> They knew nothing about what was happening until the flood came and destroyed them. It will be the same when the Son of Man comes.

#### The Days of Noah:

1. People were unprepared for the coming judgment.
2. People ran headlong into moral perversion.
3. People allowed the complete breakdown of the family.
4. People were completely let down by their political leaders.
5. People rejected God's authority in the name of “personal freedom.”
6. Believers stood alone against the world.

### 2. Noah obeyed.

**Hebrews 11:7, NASB95** -<sup>7</sup> 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.

The people of the world did not tremble in fear until the water reached the rooftops, but Noah trembled in fear when God did but speak.  
– Puritan Thomas Manton (Circa 1600s)

### 3. Noah knew what was delayed was certain.

**Genesis 6:3, NASB95** -<sup>3</sup> Then the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”

### 4. Noah knew God's call would be strange to the world.

**Genesis 6:14, NASB95** -<sup>14</sup> “Make for yourself an ark....”

### 5. Noah knew obedience was measured in years, not moments.

**Genesis 6:22, GNB** -<sup>22</sup> Noah did everything that God commanded.

### 6. Noah saw his family saved.

**Genesis 7:7, NRSV** – [God saw that Noah was righteous] <sup>7</sup> And Noah with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood.

### 7. Noah discovered that God's covenant was bigger than his failures.

**Genesis 9:8–9, NRSV** -<sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup> “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you....” (See Gen. 9:20-21ff)

### 8. Noah built an Ark.

**Hebrews 11:7, NIV84** -<sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark....

The far-off flood was more real to Noah than the shows of life around him. Therefore, he could stand all the mockeries and give himself to a course of life which was to sheer folly unless that future was real. – Alexander Maclaren, *EOHS*, p. 54.