

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS
ENCOUNTERING CHRIST

Noah

Faith Working

PART 1

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. Review

1. **Biblical faith** is expectant reliance on God alone that is accompanied by immediate obedience. (Hebrews 11:1-3)

2. **Abel**—Faith Worshipping (Hebrews 11:4)

3. **Enoch**—Faith Walking (Hebrews 11:5-6)

Noah is a picture of the Jewish people going through the Tribulation, for truly, they will go through it and be saved in it (Revelation 7). The church, on the other hand, is pictured by Enoch, who, a few verses before the story of Noah, was “translated”—or raptured—before the rain came down, before judgment took place.

— Dr. John Piper

4. **Noah**—Faith Working (Hebrews 11:7)

B. Meet Noah

1. Noah's story is told in Genesis 6-9.

2. In Noah's day, humanity had become deeply violent and morally corrupt, prompting God to bring judgment through a global flood.

3. Noah stands out as the lone righteous man in a world filled with incredible wickedness.

4. Scripture describes Noah as “righteous,” “blameless,” and as “one who walked with God.”

5. God gave Noah detailed instructions for building the ark, including its dimension and materials. *Noah did build the Ark!*
6. Rain fell for 40 days and 40 nights, and the water covered the earth for 150 days. The Ark came to dry land on Mt. Ararat.
7. Noah obeyed completely, constructing a massive vessel capable of housing his family and animals.
8. Noah was instructed to bring his family and pairs of every living creature into the Ark, including *extra clean* animals for sacrifice.
9. This act preserved a remnant of humanity and animal life.
10. Noah planted a vineyard and later became drunk, showing his humanity and imperfections (Genesis 9:20-21).

C. 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.

1. **It was based on God's Word.** ...being warned by God...
2. **It was a conviction of things not seen.** ...of things not yet seen...
3. **It was motivated by godly fear.** ...in reverence...
4. **It was expressed by outward works.** ...prepared an ark...
5. **It was a means to save his house.** ...for the salvation of his house...

Every parent should have this verse underlined and by faith say, “With the hammer of intercession in one hand and the nail of instruction in the other, I believe You will use my meager labor, Lord, to save my family.” —W. Gurnall

6. **It was a means to condemn the world.** ...condemned the world...
7. **It made him an heir of by-faith righteousness.** ...heir to...

Faith in God on the part of man is always followed by God's judicial verdict declaring the believer righteous. —Dr. R. E. Gingrich

Noah's faith involved the whole person: his mind was warned of God; his heart was moved with a healthy fear of God; and his will acted on what God told him to do. —Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe