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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. "By faith...."

Pastor Joe's Definition of Biblical Faith:

Biblical faith is expectant reliance on God alone that is accompanied by immediate obedience.

Noah's Faith in One Sentence:

To be saved, Noah knew he must by faith obediently respond to God's warnings of future judgment.

Faith (GK: πίστις "PIS-tis" used as a noun in Heb. 11, means *conviction, allegiance, faithfulness*) and **Believe** (GK: πιστεύω "pis-TEE-ō" which is a verb, meaning *to trust in, to rely upon, to act on—it's something we do.*) Both words come from the root word, GK: πείθω "PAY-tho" meaning *to be persuaded*. Paul used this word in Romans 8:38-39, "*I am persuaded...[that nothing] shall be able to separate us from the love of God...*" **POINT: Faith (n) is your conviction(s); Belief (v) is the action you take because of your conviction(s).**

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

B. Application from the Life of Noah

To be saved, we must by faith, obediently respond to God's warnings of future judgment.

1. Like Noah, we must believe God's Word regarding the coming judgment.

Hebrews 11:7a, TLB - ⁷ Noah was another who trusted God.

When he heard God's warning about the future, Noah believed him even though there was then no sign of a flood, and wasting no time, he built the ark....

Matthew 24:37-39, NASB95 - ³⁷ For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah....

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)

Things not yet seen • Delayed, but certain • The world will mock.

2. Like Noah, we must steadfastly obey God's directions regarding our own salvation.

Hebrews 11:7b, TLB - ⁷ ...When [Noah] heard God's warning about the future, Noah believed him even though there was then no sign of a flood, and wasting no time, he built the ark and saved his family.

Like Noah, our priorities and actions must change.

3. Like Noah, we must condemn the world as heirs of the righteousness of God.

Hebrews 11:7c, TLB - ...Noah's belief in God was in direct contrast to the sin and disbelief of the rest of the world—which refused to obey—and because of his faith he became one of those whom God has accepted.

Because of his faith and conduct, his life was *distinct* from the world.

Just as the Ark was the only means of salvation for Noah, so Jesus is the only means of salvation for us.