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Purpose: Provoke people to follow the example of righteous Noah to escape coming judgment.

Spiritual Truth: People who walk with God will be protected on the Day of Judgment.

Text: Heb 11:7

Topic: Noah, Judgment, Righteous, Evil

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I. Introduction

A. Daily Bible reading is a great way to “Connect with God”

1. **Hebrews 11:7 (NCV)**

⁷ It was by faith that **Noah heard God’s warnings about things he could not yet see. He obeyed God and built a large boat to save his family.** By his faith, Noah showed that the world was wrong, and he became one of those who are made right with God through faith.

B. Video Sermon Spice: *Flood Facts; Noah’s Window*

1. Noah was in the safety of the ark because he walked with God. The rest of humanity was judged and died because of their wickedness.
2. Summary: The story of Noah is about a corrupt world and a righteous man who escapes God’s judgment on the wicked. God provided a way to escape the coming judgment through the safety of an ark. It had never rained and the earth was watered through a mist, like a greenhouse effect. (Ge 2:5-6; this was likely the time when dinosaurs flourished on earth.) It took Noah approximately 100 years to build the ark. While he built the ark he called the people to turn to God but they ignored him. Finally God closed the door of the ark and the flood came. (Genesis 7:11 says all the underground waters erupted from the earth, and the rain fell in mighty torrents from the sky for 40 days and nights. This likely explains how sea shells got on top of mountains.) Noah and his family were safe.
3. Noah walked with God and was saved from judgment. Jesus says it will be just like this the next time God judges the wicked world. There’s a big lesson for us.

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II. A corrupt world

A. **Genesis 6:5-6 (NLT)**

⁵ The LORD observed the extent of **human wickedness** on the earth, and he saw that **everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil.** ⁶ So the LORD was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart.

B. Our world today is a lot like the world of Noah’s day, e.g. :

1. **Marriage:**

a. **Hebrews 13:4 (NCV)**

⁴ **Marriage should be honored by everyone,** and husband and wife should

- keep their marriage pure. God will judge as guilty those who take part in sexual sins.
- b. Recently our President signed legislation to allow gays to openly serve in the military and be married by military chaplains. He wants to repeal DOMA. Polls suggest younger people are more open to gay marriage.
- c. Is this righteous or wicked?
- 2. Violence:
 - a. **Proverbs 21:7 (NCV)**
⁷ **The violence of the wicked** will destroy them, because they refuse to do what is right.
 - b. Recently the Supreme Court said children can legally buy/ rent video games with extreme violent content.
 - c. Is this righteous or wicked?
- 3. Corruption:
 - a. **Proverbs 17:23 (NLT)**
²³ **The wicked take secret bribes to pervert the course of justice.**
 - b. A Zogby Poll: 82% of Americans Say Political Corruption Played a “Major Role” in Financial Crisis
 - c. Is this righteous or wicked? Etc., Etc.
- 4. If the Bible is the standard for righteous behavior we must conclude America is a nation filled with wickedness.

III. God’s judgment

A. **Genesis 6:7 (NCV)** [God to Noah]

⁷ So the LORD said, **“I will destroy all human beings that I made on the earth.** And I will destroy every animal and everything that crawls on the earth and the birds of the air, because **I am sorry I have made them.”**

- 1. The reason a loving God judges people is because they reject God’s ways and practice evil. God has revealed Himself through nature, His Word and Christian testimony. God has given every person free will to follow Him or reject Him and His Son Jesus Christ. Jn 14:6
- 2. This isn’t popular in our pluralistic, politically correct culture but it’s God’s Word.

B. Jesus told us a similar Day of Judgment will happen again

1. **Matthew 24:37-44 (ESV)**

³⁷ **For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.** ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, **so will be the coming of the Son of Man...** ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must **be ready**, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

- 2. The Bible clearly teaches that we will give an account of our life to God on judgment day.

a. **1 Peter 4:3-5 (GNT)**

³ You have spent enough time in the past doing what the heathen like to do. Your lives were spent in indecency, lust, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and the disgusting worship of idols. ⁴ And now the heathen are surprised when you do not join them in the same wild and reckless living,

and so they insult you.⁵ But **they will have to give an account of themselves to God, who is ready to judge the living and the dead.**

3. Most people reject the notion today just like they did in Noah's day. Jesus told us to be ready. Noah was spared from the judgment of God during the flood. We can be protected, too.

IV. Noah was a righteous man

A. **Genesis 6:7-9 (NLT)**

⁷ And the LORD said, "I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth. Yes, and I will destroy every living thing..." ⁸ **But Noah found favor with the LORD.** ⁹ **Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God.**

1. Why was Noah spared? He lived a righteous, blameless life because he walked with God.
2. We can walk with God, too, and be spared from judgment.

B. **Our good works don't make us righteous.** Our righteousness is imputed/ given to us by God as we look to the death of Jesus Christ to forgive our sins.

1. **Romans 3:22 (NIV)**

²² **This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.**

C. **God expects righteous people to live righteous lives.**

1. **2 Corinthians 6:17 (The Message)**

¹⁷ **So leave the corruption and compromise; leave it for good,"** says God. "Don't link up with those who will pollute you. I want you all for myself.

2. God expects our belief in Christ to influence our behavior. A changed life is the evidence of true saving faith.
 - a. You can't have it both ways. You're either going to be on the boat with Noah and Jesus or out in the world with the crowd living like the world.

D. **Noah walked in close fellowship with God, vs. 9**

1. This is what got Noah on the ark. This is how he was able to live a righteous, blameless life. His choices/ actions flowed out of his daily walk with God.
2. This is what God is looking for today, i.e. people who believe and follow Him; people who make it their life's goal to love the Lord with all their heart...

V. Conclusion: **God will protect those who believe and follow Him**

A. **Genesis 6:13-7:1 (NLT)**

¹³ So God said to Noah... ¹⁷ "Look! I am about to cover the earth with a flood that will destroy every living thing that breathes..." ¹ When everything was ready, the LORD said to Noah, **"Go into the boat with all your family, for among all the people of the earth, I can see that you alone are righteous.**

1. There's safety from the coming storm of judgment in the ark of Jesus Christ. Are you on the ark with Him or are you living out in the world following the crowd?

VI. Response

A. **Prayer: What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?**

1. Now is the time to believe and follow Christ. Now is the time to come out of the world and live a righteous life. Now is the time to walk with God.

B. **Souls**