Part 4: By Faith Noah Built

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

- Knowing that nothing we do can produce anything worthwhile.
- Knowing that faith is the key to the supernatural power of the Almighty.
- Knowing that faith, real faith produces some action in the life of the believer for the glory of the Object of faith.
- As we go through the Hall of Faith and look at the images set before us
 - We want to see truly what their faith produced with the knowledge that the creation cannot create,
 - o only the Creator is truly producing anything.

- God is not giving them glory for anything other than trusting Him as He produced unbelievable things.
- How many times have we read this chapter?
 - o How many times have we looked at the faith of Noah and maybe failed to grasp the gravity of his circumstances?
 - Noah was not a holy, special human.
 - He was not a sinless, holy, righteous man that found grace...
 - sinless, holy, righteous men don't need grace as that is outside their own perspective,
 - they don't exist.
 - "Noah found grace" doesn't mean Noah was looking for grace.
 - God looked on Noah and knew that Noah would "hear" Him.
 - o First, faith comes from hearing the Word of God, right?
 - o Ok, then God warned Noah of the destruction by rain...rain...rain that had never fallen.
 - Rain that not one time had hit Noah's face or caused the ground to get "muddy".

- Noah, for some reason, heard God's warning and was "moved with fear".
 - I looked that up this time!
 - "Moved with fear" means that he looked circumspectly with apprehension and reverence.
 - Noah took God's Word so serious that his entire life's direction changed
- Noah took the time to look at what was real.
 - The world around him was filled with wickedness, himself included.
 - He no doubt had heard of and maybe in some way worshipped the Creator.
 - He was more than likely very aware of the history of man and why things were the way they were.
 - He knew Adam walked with his Creator and that things didn't start out the way they were now.
 - So, even if it had never rained before in the at least 1,300 years that had passed since the beginning, he trusted that this message from his Maker was one to be considered absolute...

- So, Noah moved by faith produced an ark and he and his family were rescued and redeemed by the Word of God!
- Without God and God's Word, Noah would not have produced anything.

What could God's Word Produce in our lives?

- o What could we build by faith?
- The Arc was used to save mankind from God's Wrath
- o What might we be used to build by faith that God would use to save mankind from God's Wrath?
- o What does God's Word say to us?
 - Matthew 28:16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.
 - 17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.
 - **18** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
 - **19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

- **20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Amen.
- We are the called...the church
- We are supposed to GO...this is how we build
- o As we GO, we teach first Salvation...
 - **Ephesians 2:8** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:
 - **9** Not of works, lest any man should boast.
- Then GO into the lives of believers and teach sanctification
 - Matthew 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world".
- o This is "making disciples" which is what we read in...
 - Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)
 - **24** And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:
 - 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but

exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

- What happens if we don't believe these things?
- Nothing