

Faith that moves Mountains
Part 4 Noah: A man with reverent faith.
Hebrews 11:7

I. A study of the culture in which Noah lived.

- Noah lived in a time and era where man had literally come to the point that God was disappointed that He had even created man.
- Read Genesis 6:1-7
 - In verses 1-3 we learn that basically God fearing men and women began to marry non-believers
 - This men and women were comprising their faith and simply became disobedient to God
 - These men and women who once had been God fearing now simply lived to fulfill the lust of their hearts
 - In verse 5 we learn how bad it really became on the face of the earth
 - We see that the wickedness and lust of man had become great
 - We learn that every imagination of the thought of man's heart was only evil
 - In verses 6-7 we learn how bad it really became on the face of the earth
 - It literally grieved God that he had even made man
 - In short Noah's culture was filled with wickedness and evil!
- Why is this important for us to understand today? **(The return of Christ)**
 - We learned last week that Enoch walked with God so closely that literally one moment he was on earth and the next moment he was ushered straight into glory.
 - We learned this is a great illustration for those of us who are believers and watching for the return of Christ.
 - Jesus gave very specific instructions throughout the New Testament about His return.
 - Read Matthew 24:35-39
 - Jesus said that one of the tell tail signs of His return was the wickedness of man's heart
 - Jesus taught that just as it was in the days of Noah's time, that same type of wickedness would usher in God's plan to allow Christ to return.
 - The wickedness of man's heart is becoming evil continually and one day it will grieve God again that He created men and at time Christ will return.

II. What type of faith did Noah possess?

- Read Hebrews 11:7
- There are several points that we can note about the faith of Noah
- **Point One- Hebrews 11:7a Noah's faith had the ability to see what was not currently visible.**
 - If we remember our basic definition of faith in Hebrews 11:1 Noah is a great example of what the meaning of faith looks like.
 - Remember that faith is the evidence of things "UNSEEN"
 - In Genesis 6:14-22 We find that God gave Noah instructions for building the Ark.
 - In Genesis 7:4 God told Noah in 7 days I will send rain upon the earth for 40 days and 40 nights
 - Do we have the same ability to take God at His word and see the evidence of things unseen?
- **Point Two- Noah's faith was a faith that was prompted by fear.**
 - Noah believed God's warning of a coming judgment and Noah moved with fear
 - The word fear in this context means "Godly fear." Godly fear is different than being scared.
 - In literally means reverence, Standing in awe of God
 - Diligently taking God at His word, immediately acting upon what God has said
 - Taking heed so as not to fall under God's judgment
 - Noah simply knew that what God said was true and would happen just as God had said it would.
- **Point Three- Noah's faith stood strong even though the world mocked him**
 - Imagine the scene as Noah's friends, acquaintances, and family heard of his plan to build an ark.
 - Day in and day out Noah listened to the crowds mock him as they passed by.
 - Are we willing to stand our ground on the promises of God in the midst of a corrupt generation?
 - II Peter 3:1-5

III. Noah's reward for his reverent faith

- Reward One-Noah and his family were saved.
 - This should be the prayer of each one of us in this room that are family would literally enter into the ark of safety which is none other than a heart felt relationship with Jesus Christ!
- Reward Two- The world was condemned by Noah's faith
 - The idea here is that by Noah's faith God literally vindicated Noah for his faith.
 - All of the promises that God had spoken came to pass, which literally vindicated Noah from all of those who mocked and scorned God and his coming judgment.
- Reward Three- Noah was counted as a righteous man
 - Noah simply believed God at His word and Noah's faith was counted for him as righteousness
 - Noah literally became an heir of righteousness because of his faith.
 - You and I have a reward for us as well if we simply put our faith in Christ.

