

Noah Prepared An Ark To the Saving of His House

"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"(**Heb. 11:7**).

Noah was a remarkable man. The Bible speaks of him as being just and perfect, a man that walked with God (**Gen. 6:9**). He did all that God commanded him (**Gen. 6:22; 7:5**). It is no coincidence that his name appears immediately after what the Hebrew writer says concerning faith: *"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. By faith Noah..."* (**Heb. 11:6-7**). Noah was a faithful man who diligently sought God; thus, his reward was salvation.

Noah was a peculiar man (**Gen. 6:5-9**). He was different than others of his day. The Bible says, *"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually"* (**Gen. 6:5**). But not Noah- he was different! And so too should God's people be today. We are His peculiar people (**cf. Tit. 2:14**). We must be *"blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world"*(**Phi. 2:15**).

Noah was a patient man (**Gen. 7:1-6**). Many years passed from the time Noah was called to build the ark to the time he entered it. Over the course of time Noah undoubtedly faced hardships, frustrations, humiliation, ridicule, etc. But through it all he remained patient and faithful to God! God's people must never give up- we must endure to the very end (**Jam. 1:2-3; Heb. 10:36-39; 12:1; 1 Cor. 15:58**).

Noah was a prepared man (**Heb. 11:7**). Noah was prepared for God's judgment upon His creation because he lived a righteous life. He was prepared for the flood because he had done all God commanded him. And his faithfulness to God helped prepare his family for God's judgment to come. God will one day destroy this old world and at that time all men will stand before Him and answer for the things they have done in this life (**2 Pet. 3:9ff; 2 Cor. 5:10**). It is imperative that we prepare now for that day by doing all that God requires of us(**Mat. 25:1ff; 2 Cor. 6:2**).

Noah was a protected man (**Gen. 7:7, 16**). Because of God's grace, coupled with Noah's obedience to God, Noah and his family were permitted access into the ark where they could find protection/safety from the pending flood. God, still today, provides man access into the spiritual ark of safety, which is His church (**cf. Acts 2:47; Rom. 5:1-2**). But only those who do all that He requires will be permitted in.

By **faith**, Noah prepared an ark to the saving of his house! **Faith** is the victory (**1 John 5:4**)! Are you living **by faith**?

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