

# BY FAITH NOAH MOVED WITH FEAR HEBREWS 11:7

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<sup>7</sup> 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.

Introduction:

As we consider Noah's faith observe:

The ground of Noah's faith - a warning he had received from God of things as yet not seen. He had a divine revelation, whether by voice or vision it does not say.

This secret warning he was to communicate to the world, which would be sure to despise both him and his message. God usually warns sinners before he strikes; and, where his warnings are ignored, the blow will fall the heaviest.

The acting of Noah's faith and the influence it had is seen both in his mind and practice.

Upon his mind; it impressed his soul with a fear of God's judgment: he was *moved with fear*. Faith first influences our affections, then our actions; and faith works upon those affections that are suitable to the matter revealed.

His faith also influenced his practice. It moved him to prepare an ark, which no doubt caused the wicked of his day to scorn him.

Notice:

## **1. THE DAYS OF NOAH (MATTHEW 24:37-39)**

### **Matthew 24:37-39**

<sup>37</sup> But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. <sup>38</sup> For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, <sup>39</sup> And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

### **Genesis 6:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, <sup>2</sup> That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. <sup>3</sup> And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. <sup>4</sup> There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of

old, men of renown. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. <sup>7</sup> And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

Those were days that were:

### A. Characterized by Pride

#### **Genesis 4:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. <sup>4</sup> And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

The same mentality abounds in our society today.

#### **2 Timothy 3:5**

<sup>5</sup> Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

#### **2 Thessalonians 2:3**

<sup>3</sup> Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

#### **1 Timothy 4:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; <sup>2</sup> Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; <sup>3</sup> Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be

received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

## **2 Timothy 4:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; <sup>4</sup> And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

### B. Characterized by Prosperity

#### **Genesis 4:20**

<sup>20</sup> And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and *of such as have* cattle.

Jabal was the first to practice the domestication of animals. Now, men no longer had to hunt and scrounge for their food, they merely raised it. This allowed people to have more than they needed. It was time of material prosperity and Jabal cornered the market.

Again we today are living in a day of great prosperity.

### C. Characterized by Pleasure

#### **Genesis 4:21**

<sup>21</sup> And his brother's name *was* Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.

A man named Jubal invented musical instruments and was the father of the entertainment industry.

There is no denying the fact that we are living in a pleasure mad world.

#### D. Characterized by Progress

##### **Genesis 4:17**

<sup>17</sup> And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

##### **Genesis 4:22**

<sup>22</sup> And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain *was* Naamah.

A man named Tubal-cain discovered learned how to extract metal from ore.

This allowed men to produce stronger farm implements and far more formidable armaments.

Verse 17 talks about the rise of cities.

#### E. Characterized by Polygamy

##### **Genesis 4:23**

<sup>23</sup> And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt.

Here we meet a man named Lamech. We are told that he married two women. He is the first person in the record of humanity who took clear steps to undermine the home and the family.

It was a time marked by lust, wanton disregard for God's will and open sin and perversion.

## F. Characterized by Pride

### **Genesis 4:24**

<sup>24</sup> If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.

Lamech declares his value to be far greater than that of his ancestor Cain.

He is the first real humanist. He sees himself as number one and believes that all his actions are right.

## G. Characterized by Pollution

### 1. Social pollution

### **Genesis 6:5-6**

<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

### **Genesis 6:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup> And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

### 2. Sexual pollution

### **Genesis 6:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, <sup>2</sup> That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. <sup>3</sup> And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. <sup>4</sup> There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.

### 3. Spiritual pollution

### **Genesis 6:12**

<sup>12</sup> And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

If we're honest, we are living in a day that has many similarities.

## **2. THE DISTINCTION OF NOAH (GENESIS 6:8)**

### **Genesis 6:8**

<sup>8</sup> But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

A. He Enjoyed God's Favor

B. He Endeavored to be Faithful

### **Genesis 6:9**

<sup>9</sup> These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God.

### **3. THE DIRECTIONS GIVEN TO NOAH (GENESIS 6:11-21)**

The key to the instructions was that they were obeyed.

#### **Genesis 6:22**

<sup>22</sup> Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

### **4. THE DELIVERANCE OF NOAH (GENESIS 7:1-12)**

- A. The Ark was a Place of Safety (6:14)
- B. The Ark was a Place of Sufficiency (6:15)
- C. The Ark was a Place of Summons (6:16)