
“FAITH WORKS”

THE FAITH OF NOAH

HEBREWS 11:7

SERIES: “REAL FAITH IN AN UNREAL WORLD” (4)

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Introduction

The Lord is growing our faith at such a time as this! He expects, responds to, and rewards faith. Just like a diamond with many facets, so we are discovering that faith has many aspects that we need understand if we are to grow in our faith.

- The starting point WORSHIP – Abel worshipped by bringing a blood sacrifice, acknowledging he was a sinner.
- Our faith GROWS as we WALK with God - Enoch had an intimate walk with God.
- Faith is EXPRESSED in what we do – Faith WORKS. Noah expressed his faith outwardly by building an ark.

Faith is a doing word.

The faith of George Mueller - Psalm 81:10

Faith expressed in reaching into the community

“God is looking for people through whom He can do the impossible. What a pity we plan to do only things that we can do ourselves.” -- A.W. Tozer

Reading: Hebrews 11:7

Genesis 6:5-22

Noah had a faith that worked

1. Faith's workings

- Noah DETERMINED to take God at his word

No one had ever seen a flood!

Imagine God tells you to build a boat on top of a mountain!

- Noah DECIDED to live out the promise

God said it and Noah did it – he built an ark!

Faith involves the whole person:

- Noah's MIND was warned by God – v7
- Noah's HEART was moved with holy fear
- Noah's WILL acted on God's command

The focus of an athlete

- Noah DESIRED to not get distracted

Moses ridicule

Beware of Satan's distractions:

Abraham – discouraged

Moses – disillusioned

Elijah – depressed

Peter – defeated

Paul - devastated

2. Faith's warnings

V7a: "Noah, when warned about things not yet seen ..."

Faith has everything to do with the FUTURE and the UNSEEN.

"Faith... lives in God's Word and & thoughts; it sees what the world cannot see: it sees all, the future too, in the light of God. ... When God reveals His ... judgement, it simply believes." -- Andrew Murray

- A warning heeded

V7: "...a holy fear ...

- A work of deliverance

V7 C - "...in holy fear built an ark to SAVE HIS FAMILY"

- A witness demonstrated

2 Corinthians 2:15

V7: "By his faith, Noah condemned the world"

Noah's whole life was a PROTEST and a CONDEMNATION of the world.

It has been said that Noah *"threw the dark skepticism of the world into relief against his own shining faith in God."*

3. Faith's witness

V7d *"by faith Noah ... became heir of righteousness that comes by faith"*

The sequence in a life of faith:

Faith involves the certainty of belief, which produces obedience, which in turn results in a witness.

Noah became an *"heir of righteousness that comes by faith."* (v7)

Philippians 3:9 – not a righteousness of our own, but one that comes by faith.

Romans 1:17 – *"a righteousness that is BY FAITH from first to last."*

God's gift of righteousness to Noah resulted in a GROWING LIFE of RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Genesis 6:9

God spoke through Noah, and he speaks through OUR lives too.

Matthew 24:37-39

A tremendous responsibility!

Noah won his family for the Lord ... a great starting point!!

Faith WORKS!!