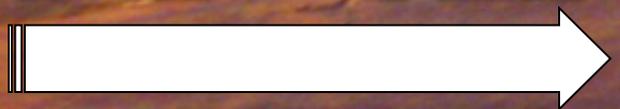


A LONG



OBEDIENCE

IN THE SAME DIRECTION



Faith of NOAH - Hebrews 11:7

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HEBREWS 11:7 NJKV

INTRODUCTION

**Enoch is the Walk of Faith – the Continuance
Noah is the Work of faith – the Obedience**

Faith is expressed in Action

**Thus Noah did; according to all that God
commanded him, so he did (Gen 6:22 NJKV).**

**And Noah did according to all that the Lord
commanded him (Gen 7:5 NJKV).**

Main Point:

Faith in God means believing in God's Word, and obeying Him even though it may be a long and unknown journey of life. Obedient faith will be rewarded by God.

I. OBEDIENT FAITH RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORDS

By faith Noah, being divinely warned of **things not yet seen**, moved with godly fear, **prepared an ark** for the saving of his household, (Heb 11:7a).

What were the “things not yet seen?”

* Noah never saw rain or flood before.

before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the Lord God **had not caused it to rain on the earth**, and there was no man to till the ground; but **a mist went up from the earth** and watered the whole face of the ground (Gen 2:5-6 NJKV).

* Yet Noah responded to God’s Word to build an Ark by Faith.

What did it take to build an Ark?

- * **Place of the Ark** – somewhere in Mesopotamia between Tigris and Euphrates Rivers – away from ocean
 - * **Size of the Ark** – 137m L, 22m W, 13.4m H
 - * **Pax on the Ark** – family of 8 and 35K animals- can accommodate more
 - * **Time taken to build the Ark** – 100 years
 - * **Challenges faced** – mocked by people; no experience in boat building
- It takes **Obedient Faith** to build an Ark.
 - * Noah responded to God's Word.



*** My Obedient Faith Journey**

(Ps 71:15-18)

*** Your Obedient Faith Journey**

OUR RESPONSE

Q. Do we take God at His Word and Obey?

Q. Do we have faith in what we do not see?

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you (1 Pet 5:7).

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight (Prov 3:5-6).

II. OBEDIENT FAITH REVEALS GOD'S JUDGEMENT

“by which he **condemned the world**”
(Heb 11:7b).

*** Noah's World Needs Condemning**

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**Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the Lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them"
(Gen 6:5-7 NJKV).**

How Did Noah Condemn The World?

* Noah was a Preacher of Righteousness

“and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, **a preacher of righteousness**, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly” (2 Pet 2:5 NJKV).

What was Noah's Message?

How Could God Judge The World So Harshly?

* God is Holy and Just

- God is Gracious and Merciful
 - He is actually very patient

to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited **patiently** in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water (1 Pet 3:20 NJKV).

*** The Ark took 100 years to build**

*** Methuselah (969 years)– “When he dies, it shall be sent”**

Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: “See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the **ungodly acts** they have committed in their **ungodliness**, and of all the defiant words **ungodly sinners** have spoken against him.” These people are **grumblers and faultfinders**; they follow their own **evil desires**; they **boast about themselves** and **flatter others** for their own advantage (Jude 1:14-16).

Our Ungodly World Today

You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that! (2 Tim 3:1-5 NLT).

Our Ungodly World Today

Moral Decline

- * uprisings all around the world, with people protesting and rioting and governments toppling
- * lovers of pleasure more than they love God – pornography; child sex, adultery, fornication..
- * corruptions – coveting and lusting for things, power
- * marriage redefined
- * fake news

Judgment is coming with the coming of Christ

And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ..Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed (Luke 17:26-27, 30 NJKV).

**Are We Listening? Are We Believing?
Are We Obeying?**

OUR RESPONSE

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is **patient** with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to **repentance** (2 Pet 3:9).

*** Thank God for His Patience and His Grace**

*** Be a preacher of righteousness – light of the world**

III. OBEDIENT FAITH RECEIVES GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

“and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith” (Heb 11:7c).

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God (Gen 6:9).

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord (Gen 6:8).

God's grace is extended to the family

...prepared an ark for the **saving (soteria Gk)** of his household.. (Heb 11:7).

But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—**you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you** (Gen 6:18).

The Lord then said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and **your whole family**, because I have found you righteous in this generation” (Gen 7:1).

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved -- you and **your household**" (Acts 16:31)

Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the **members of her household** were baptized, she invited us to her home (Acts 16:14-15).

But as for me and **my household**, we will serve the Lord (Jos 24:15b).

Godly parent has a powerful spiritual influence on the children in that family – pray, protect, godly influence

There is only one way to receive
God's righteousness

BY FAITH

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. **This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.** There is no difference between Jew and Gentile (Rom 3:21-22).

Are We Righteous?

Main Point:

Faith in God means **believing** in God's Word, and **obeying** Him even though it may be a long and unknown journey of life. Obedient faith will be **rewarded** by God.