

# God Sends a Flood

Genesis 7; Proverbs 18:10; Hebrews 11:6, 7

Lesson Objective: Reward – We should be faithful to God and He will reward us.

Key verses:

1. Hebrews 11:7; "By faith Noah, being warned *by God* about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith."
2. Proverbs 18:10; "The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it and is safe."

Introduction:

- A. Noah is included in the hall of faith, an example of a quiet man of faith, a preacher of righteousness, a worker who, through his obedience condemned the whole world. (Hebrews 10:38; 11:7)
  - B. Noah was surrounded with wickedness (Gen. 6:5).
    1. His heart must have been heavy.
    2. His heart must have hurt.
  - C. Noah was called to build an ark (Gen. 6:14ff).
  - D. Noah's reverent fear and obedience teaches us that God will reward his children who obey Him.
- I. Command to enter the ark (1-10)
    - A. 7:1 God's relationship with Noah
    - B. Noah was righteous (7:1)
    - C. Reward: God determined to blot out all mankind, yet waited patiently on Noah to construct the ark, this way he and his family would be saved.
      1. 1 Peter 3:20, Noah's family benefitted from his faith.
      2. 1 Peter 3:21 for us today
    - D. Animals on the ark
  - II. Grand parade (7:13-16)
    - A. Imagine the scene:
      1. Once all was in order and in place, Noah was the last one to enter the ark and the Lord closed it behind him.
        - a. Safely in the ark, now what?
        - b. What was happening that day?
        - c. Matthew 24:37-39
        - d. 2 Peter 3:5-7; Matthew 25:10
        - e. Just like today, even with Christians!
        - f. Cf. Is.24:18; Jer. 4:23-26; Amos 7:4
    - B. Happy birthday, Noah! (6:11-12; 17-20)

1. 600<sup>th</sup> day of Noah's life, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> month, 17<sup>th</sup> day on **the same day**.
2. Fountains of the great deep burst open.
- C. The flood waters prevailed (17-24)
- III. God will reward those who are faithful (God will make things work out for His purposes)
  - A. Only Noah was left, together with his family.
  - B. Noah was different.

Conclusion:

- A. God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him (Heb. 11:6)
- B. Being faithful to God can help bless others as was the case with Noah's family.
- C. Millions missed the boat in Noah's day because they simply did not care, we care, and we should care to share the Gospel with others.
- D. We live in a wicked world but let us not convince ourselves that our world is "like in the days of Noah," if it were we would not exist. Let us get to the work before it gets that bad.