

NOAH AND THE FLOOD (III)

Introduction

- 1) Previous lessons examined **Genesis 6-9** and the historical account of Noah and the Flood
- 2) Six passages in the New Testament refer to this account and teach spiritual lessons and applications for us today
- 3) These lessons illustrate that we should continue to remember and learn from those things written aforetime (Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:11)
- 4) The following NT lessons and principles are vital as we seek to walk with God as Noah did!

I) **The Necessity of Faith** (Hebrews 11:7)

- A) We must have faith to please God (vv. 1-6)
- B) Important characteristics of Noah's faith (v. 7; cf. Gen. 6:13-22)
 - 1) **Based on God's revealed word** – “divinely warned of things not yet seen”
 - 2) **Mixed with the proper attitude** – “moved with godly fear”
 - 3) **Obedied the will of God** – “prepared an ark”
- C) Condemned the world of unfaithfulness and became heir of righteousness which is according to faith (fulfilled God's plan without shame or alteration)
 - 1) We must have obedient faith – fear God, and keep His commandments (Eccl. 12:13)

II) **Salvation by Grace through Faith** (1 Peter 3:20-21)

- A) **God's Grace** – “waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared”
 - 1) By His grace, God is longsuffering and reveals His plan of salvation to man
 - 2) Noah was a “preacher of righteousness” (2 Pet. 2:5)
- B) **Man's Faith** – “in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water”
 - 1) By faith, Noah and his family went into the ark to be saved (cf. Gen. 7:1, 7)
- C) The like figure, or antitype, for us is baptism (“saved through water”)
 - 1) Water baptism is commanded by the God through His grace
 - 2) We obey God's commands by faith – trust in His ways, not our own
 - 3) **Result** = salvation by grace through faith (cf. Eph. 2:8; Mk. 16:16)

III) **The Judgment of God** (2 Peter 2:5; 3:6)

- A) God's judgment in Noah's day is an example of delivering the righteous and punishing the unjust (2:5, 9)
- B) Just as sure as God brought a flood, He will bring a final judgment at the last day (3:3-13)
- C) We prepare for that judgment by being like Noah – righteous and avoiding evil (3:14, 17-18)

IV) **Being Ready for the End** (Matthew 24:37-39; Lk. 17:26-27)

- A) No warning in the days of Noah as to when the flood would come – life passed normally until the day that Noah entered the ark (Noah and his family were ready)
 - 1) People were unprepared when the flood came – not ready for the judgment of God
 - 2) Excuses? “I'll wait till it starts raining” “I have other things to do” “God loves us too much to bring a flood” “The flood is just a myth” “I'm religious enough”
- B) That final day and hour is coming for all of us (Jn. 5:28; 6:40)
 - 1) We do not know when that day and hour will be (Matt. 24:36-39; 2 Pet. 3:10; 1 Thess. 5:2)
 - 2) We must live life always ready for God's judgment to come **at any hour** (Matt. 24:44)

Conclusion

These lessons need to be heard and learned by every person. Faith, salvation, God's judgment, and readiness for that final day concern very few in our world today, just as in Noah's day. Put your faith in God, be saved, prepare and **be ready** for the coming judgment day!