

I. Introduction and review. Do you ever feel all alone?

II. Faith takes God at His Word.

- A. Noah believed God's warning that the earth would be judged.**
- 1. In so doing, Noah exemplifies the essence of faith: believing God's promise about that which cannot be seen. 11:1 In this case: judgment.**
 - 2. Noah's faith is quite remarkable in light of the fact that what was promised (a worldwide flood) had never been seen before.**
 - 3. Noah believed God in spite of the fact that no-one else on earth believed this judgment would take place. Mt. 24:37-39 II Pe. 3:4-5**
 - 4. He believed the bare Word of God.**
- B. Do you have faith like Noah to believe the bare Word of God?**
- 1. Many doubt the historicity of a worldwide flood through which only Noah and his family were saved. Ge. 6:7,13,17 7:17f II Pe. 3:5-7**
 - 2. Many refuse to agree with God's evaluation of human nature and the world. Gen. 6:5 Ro. 3:10f 8:6-8 I Jo. 5:19**
 - 3. Many refuse to believe that God will again judge humanity. II Pe. 3:3-7**
 - 4. Many refuse to believe in the one way of salvation God has revealed, through Christ. 10:19f Acts 4:12 17:30 16:31**
 - 5. Do you take God at His Word, believing His ways are best? Ps. 19:11**

III. Faith acts upon the Word of God.

- A. Noah obeyed God. Gen. 6:22 7:5**
- 1. He obeyed God unquestioningly and immediately.**
 - 2. He obeyed with an attitude of reverence towards God. 12:28 Prov. 1:7**
 - 3. He obeyed exactly. Gen. 6:22 7:5**
 - 4. He obeyed persistently: 120 years. Heb. 10:23**
 - 5. He obeyed in spite of the fact that the whole world was against him. I Jo. 3:13**
 - 6. His faithful obedience proclaimed condemnation upon the world. II Pe. 2:5**
 - 7. Was it necessary that Noah obey God? Mt. 24**
- B. True faith always produces works of obedience. James 2:14-26**
- 1. God has called you to serve and obey Him by faith.**
 - 2. Your faithful obedience will separate you from the world. Ro. 12:2 I Co. 15:33**
 - 3. God works by means of your persistent faithful obedience. 10:35-36**
 - 4. Obedience is costly in the present. Mark 8:34-35**
 - 5. What arks has God called upon you to build? I Pe. 4:9-11 Eph. 2:10 Titus 2:14**
 - 6. What does your obedience say about your faith?**

IV. Faith is rewarded.

- A. Noah's faith was vindicated by the judgment on the world.**
- 1. The flood is a picture of the final judgment. II Pe. 3:3-13 Mt. 24:36-44**
 - 2. We look forward to the day when God will make all things right. Rev. 6:10**

- B. Noah and his family were saved from judgment.**
 - 1. The ark is a picture of Christ. I Pe. 3:18-22**
 - 2. Noah himself is a type of Christ. Gen. 6:18 John 10:29 17:11,24**
 - 3. Through the ark, God's ultimate promise of salvation could be fulfilled. Gen. 3:15**
 - 4. The new world into which Noah entered is a picture of the awaited kingdom.**

- C. Noah is an heir of the righteousness which is by faith. Gal. 5:5**
 - 1. Noah's salvation was by grace through faith. Gen. 15:6 Titus 3:5 Ro. 3:20f 4:13**
 - 2. Noah is an heir of the everlasting kingdom of God. 1:2,14 6:12,17 9:15 Ro. 8:17**

V. Concluding applications.

- A. We believers are like Noah.**
 - 1. We live in a godless age in which people are unprepared for judgment.**
 - 2. By faith we are separated from the world. Ro. 12:2 II Co. 6:14f**
 - 3. By faith we are assured of our future salvation and the punishment of the wicked.**

- B. Judgment is coming.**
 - 1. God has provided but one way of escape.**
 - 2. Repent of this world and get into the ark (Christ) Who is the one way of salvation**

Discussion questions.

- 1. What is the unseen promise of God which Noah believed?**
- 2. Why was Noah's faith so remarkable?**
- 3. How was Noah's obedience related to his faith?**
- 4. In what sense did Noah condemn the world?**
- 5. What is the relationship between your faith and your obedience to God's Word?**
- 6. In what ways will your faith cost you?**
- 7. How is the flood a picture both of final judgment and final salvation?**
- 8. How is the ark a picture of Christ?**
- 9. On what grounds was Noah saved?**
- 10. What does Noah's example teach you about standing alone for your faith?**