

Noah, a Man Who Stood Above His Generation

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Introduction: One of the major themes of the book of Hebrews is do not lose your faith in the unseen God.

- A. Christians did not have a *visible* King. They could not see their high priest.
 - 1. Many Christian's this book addressed had come out of Judaism
 - 2. They likely were taunted with questions like: "Where is your High Priest?"
- B. These Christians needed to be reminded to see the invisible! (**Heb 11:1, 27**)
 - 1. Christians at different times may be pressured because much of what we believe in is unseen!

#377 – Lord I Believe – 1,2

- 2. Look at what these Christians did have! (**Heb 4:14-16; 11:3, 13-16**)
- C. We at times, feel uncomfortable and uneasy among those with different values.
 - 1. The people of the world can't understand why so much emphasis is given to spiritual matters.
 - 2. The pressure to be like the world is great! (**1 Pt 4:4**)

I. Noah was a Believer

- A. The Bible says Noah condemned the generation he lived in. How did he do it?
 - 1. Did he sit as a judge, in community? No!
 - 2. He did openly teach the truth as a preacher of righteousness. (**2 Pt 2:4-5**)
 - 3. Noah condemned the world by contrast as a great example of righteousness.
- B. What were the people like in Noah's day?
 - 1. This was a wicked, sensual generation. (**Gen 6:1-3**)
 - a. These people based choice of companionship solely on beauty.
 - b. What is real beauty to God? (**1 Pt 3:3-4**)

#454 Let the Beauty of Jesus be Seen – 1,2

- 2. These people had given themselves over to wicked thoughts. (**Gen.6:5-6**)
 - a. God knew their motives, dreams, and meditations.
 - b. What does our generation give itself to? (**Psa 36:1-4**)
- 3. They were totally unconcerned about spiritual needs. (**Mt 24:37-39**)
 - a. When Noah preached it rolled right off their backs.
- C. Noah was a scorned minority.
 - 1. If everyone had been this way then they could have excused themselves –
- - But there was Noah! (**Gen.6:8-9**)
 - 2. By faith Noah did these things. (**Heb 11:7**)

#453 – Ye are the Light of the World – 1,2,

II. We can see faith by what Noah was doing.

- A. He did an irrational work.
 - 1. He did what no one else had done, built huge ark.
 - 2. Think what it would take energy and time to build such a ship! You would not have time to do what everyone else was doing!

3. "Why can't you, Noah?" "Boy, you're hung up on that ark, aren't you?"
- B. He expected an unprecedented Event - "Expecting flood over World!"
 1. Imagine the possible response: "WWWHat! Are you losing your mind?"
Ask the old men if they've ever seen that kind of flood! Ask geologist or meteorologist! Could it possibly cover the world?
 2. Some other possible responses: "Ask the theologians, preachers and you will not find them believing like you! It is alright to believe in God and be religious but don't believe a stupid, crude, uneducated thing like a God who will destroy the world!"

#36 - Each Step I Take - 2,3

- C. Noah feared an unseen God.
 1. What would the world say? "Where is this God? Can't see Him!"
 2. If we think people of the world don't understand us and think we are strange - - - Just think about how Noah's generation felt.
 3. What made the difference? Noah was a believer and they were unbelievers.
- D. In the end Noah and his house was saved and the world was destroyed. **(1 Pt 3:20)**

III. Some Practical Applications for Us

- A. A Christian is doing an irrational work (From the world's standpoint.)
 1. God still requires a Primary Emphasis on the spiritual. **(Mt. 6:33; Rom. 12:1-2)**
 2. This will mean you won't have energy and time to spend time in many of the things the world deems so important. **(Psa 90:12)**

#444 – Set Your Mind – 1,2

3. How was Jesus life described? What are you living for? **(Acts 10:38)**
- B. We are expecting an unprecedented event.
 1. We're expecting Jesus to come one day and judge us by our deeds. **(2 Cor 5:10)**
 2. This is why we watch where we go and when sin we try to correct it!
 3. We will face our scoffers too. **(2 Pt 3:4-7)**

#386 – Jesus Is Coming Soon – 1,2

4. For years Christians have been expecting the end of the world. Can you imagine how Noah felt after 119 years? **(2 Pt 3:8-10)**
- C. We need to place proper value on things. **(2 Pt 3:10-12)**
 1. If the earth and everything in it will be burned up then what kind of people should we be? Physically or spiritually oriented?
 2. Why do I believe it? Because I believe in God and I believe that this book is from him. **(2 Cor 4:13-14)**

#552 – Because He Lives – 1,3

3. Where is God? In heaven! Where is Heaven? "Don't know!" I cannot touch, taste, see it but can intellectually know designer!

Conclusion: Are we living by faith or are we justifying the world?

- A. Let us show our faith by how we talk, dress, act!

#442 – Yield Not to Temptation – 1,2,3

- B. Let us not be afraid of the disapproval that will come! Whose praise do we want to hear? **(2 Thess 1:8-10)**