

## **Noah's Faith 6-21-26** **(Tyler Beck)**

### **Hebrews 11:1-7**

#### **The Triumphs of Faith**

**11** Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

<sup>2</sup>For by it the men of old gained approval.

<sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

<sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; and he was not found because God took him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.

<sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

<sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned *by God* about things not yet seen, in reverence (with the fear of the Lord) 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.

#### **The Flood**

**Genesis 7:4-5** - For after seven more days, I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights; and I will blot out from the face of the land every living thing that I have made.” <sup>5</sup>Noah did according to all that the Lord had commanded him.

Noah built the ark for the salvation (deliverance) of his household. If they followed the example their father left, they would be spiritually saved.

**Romans 2:1** Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

Did Noah become an heir of the world because of his divine works?

**Romans 4:13** - the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.

**Romans 4:16** - For this reason *it is* by faith, in order that *it may be* in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

**Romans 5:2** - through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

**2 Timothy 2:12** - If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us;

**Revelation 20:6** - Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

Principles:

1. The heir of the world rules the world.
2. Jesus Christ will rule the world.
3. Believers participate in Christ's own inheritance.
4. Believers come into their individual inheritances as a part of the escrow blessings which were bestowed in full in Christ.

**James 2:5** - Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

**Titus 3:7-8** - so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.

**Philippians 3:9** - and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith,

Summary:

1. The kind of faith which pleases God is a person's belief in Bible Doctrine.
2. Saving faith is prerequisite to pleasing God.

3. Learning that faith, or learning bible doctrine, is prerequisite to living by faith, which is pleasing to God after salvation.
4. The Scripture's promises of rewards are a legitimate motivator for living by faith; both the continued learning aspect and the continued application aspect. Rewards are a legitimate motivator, both in time and in eternity.
5. As in the example of Noah, it is specific doctrines, or warnings, or commands, or prohibitions, or promises, or even personal convictions when those convictions have been arrived through an understanding, application of bible doctrine, coupled with the ministry of the Holy Spirit (you must be in fellowship). It has to be doctrinally accurate. If you have personal convictions, these also provide discreet opportunities to live by faith or to fail.
6. Obedience is determined by the system of perception called faith. Rationalism and empiricism are not meritorious, and they do not please God, in of themselves.
7. The fear of the Lord is the primary motivator for obeying and applying that faith, which is bible doctrine in Phase 2.
8. Your spiritual maturity, or your living by faith, produces overflow blessings to those around you, both in time, just as Noah delivered his family from trouble, by his act of faith. And also in eternity, because of the eternal rewards and the deliverance from the penalty of sin. You can be a part of rescuing someone from eternal penalties. As a believer, your encouragement, which is edifying the church, in depth or in strength. By your encouragement of other believers, you can motivate them back towards faith, so that even they enjoy additional blessings in eternity.
9. Your faith, and especially the application of your faith, or the results of it, or obedience (words and deeds), these obediences are used as evidence by God for the prosecution of unbelievers and for the judgement of reversionistic believers, when it comes to loss of rewards.
10. Your faith is rewarded on account of the righteousness of God, which is reflected by the believer who lives by faith. Saving faith receives imputed righteousness, Phase 2 faith produces divine good and rewards in time and both Phase 1 and 2 faith produce blessings and rewards in eternity.

***Personal convictions –***

**James 4:17** - Therefore, to one who knows *the* right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.