

## Faith that Floats in a Flood

### Focus: Noah

Hebrews 11:7; Genesis 6-9

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*Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.*

What kind of faith can face floods of difficulty?

- 1) Unsinkable faith heeds **God's warning** - *being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear...*
  - a) Our faith must be based on **a word from God**
    - i) Matthew 4:4 But He answered and said, "It is written, '*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every **word** (Rhema) that proceeds from the mouth of God.*'"
  - b) Our faith must begin with **the fear of God**
    - i) Proverbs 22:4 By humility *and* the fear of the LORD Are riches and honor and life.
- 2) Unsinkable faith obeys **God's instructions** - *...prepared an ark for the saving of his household...*
  - a) Faith **in** your works will leave you lost – Ephesians 2:8-10
  - b) Faith **without** works will prove you are lost – James 2:26 *For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*
  - c) Faith **that** works will deliver you soul (Genesis 6:9)
    - i) Religion that does not begin at home **does not begin!**

- 3) Unsinkable faith reveals the **world's wickedness** - ... *by which he condemned the world...* We are living "in the days of Noah" and the "days of Lot" Luke 17:26-30
- a) Behold our social plagues of murder and violence (Genesis 6:5-7; 11-12)
  - b) Behold our sexual perversions of sodomy and sexual deviancy.
- 4) Unsinkable faith receives **a reward**. ...*became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.*
- a) Faith rejects **self righteousness**
  - b) Faith receives **God's righteousness**
  - c) Faith rejoices in **God's Salvation** - 1 Peter 1:6-9