

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Hebrews 11:7
 - i) “The saving of his house” means his family.
- b) When the *Titanic* set sail on April 10, 1912, it was called an unsinkable ship.
 - i) There was the confidence that those who sailed her had in that great ship.
 - ii) There was a carefree spirit of those on board the ship.
 - iii) Then, there was sudden calamity.
 - (1) There were many classes of people on board the ship, but after the calamity, these classes did not matter.
 - (2) There are really only two classes of people:
 - (a) Saved
 - (b) Lost
- c) In today’s world, we are on a type of *Titanic*, and we are also on a collision course with destiny.
 - i) After it is all over, there will still be only two classes of people:
 - (1) The saved.
 - (2) The lost.
- d) There is a stark difference between the sinking of the *Titanic* and Noah and the ark.
 - i) It is vitally important that we get our children off the *Titanic* and onto the ark.
 - ii) We need to get our families into the ark of safety and prepare, as Noah did, an ark for the saving of our house.

2) NOAH AND HIS FAITH (HEBREWS 11:7)

- a) This passage begins, “By faith Noah.”
 - i) This is the same thing that was said regarding the mother and father of Moses.
 - (1) Hebrews 11:23
 - (2) Moses was reared by faith.
 - ii) There is only one way to raise a family in these days in which we live, and that is by faith.
- b) Noah’s faith was a working faith.
 - i) By faith Noah prepared an ark.
 - (1) Hebrews 11:7
 - ii) Faith is not sitting around doing nothing, saying, “What will be will be, I’m trusting God.”
 - (1) Faith is belief with legs on it.
 - iii) Because he had faith, Noah prepared an ark.
- c) Noah’s faith was a waiting faith.
 - i) For 120 years, Noah was building the ark with the wrath of God in the foreground and the ring of hammers in the background.
 - ii) He did this because he had been warned of God.
 - (1) Hebrews 11:7

- (2) His faith was based on the Word of God.
 - (a) Romans 10:17
- (3) It was divine revelation that caused Noah to do what he did.
 - (a) We will not have faith for our family until we hear from God.
- d) Noah's faith was willing to stand alone.
 - i) Noah was looked upon as being strange, weird, eccentric and out of step with everyone else.
 - (1) People will look upon us the same way, too.
 - ii) Don't try to fit in.
 - (1) Noah was different, and we must be different.
 - (2) We must stand alone.
 - iii) His faith did not depend upon appearances.
 - (1) Based upon appearance, there was no reason to believe there would be a flood.
 - (a) As far as we know, it had never even rained upon the Earth.
 - (i) There was a mist that went up and watered the Earth.
 - (ii) Genesis 2:6
 - (2) There had never been a universal calamity.
 - (3) There was nothing to suggest a flood.
 - (a) Nothing but clear skies.
 - (b) Nothing but people buying, selling marrying and giving in marriage.
 - (i) Matthew 24:38
 - e) Noah was different; he had faith.

3) NOAH AND HIS FEAR (HEBREWS 11:7)

- a) There are two kinds of fear:
 - i) The fear of the world.
 - (1) In the life of Moses, Amram and Jochebed were not afraid of the king's commandment.
 - (a) Hebrews 11:23
 - (b) Correspondingly, young Moses was not afraid to turn his back on Pharaoh.
 - (2) Amram and Jochebed had no fear of this world because they had the fear of God.
 - ii) The fear of God.
 - (1) Noah was moved with fear.
 - (2) The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.
 - (a) Psalm 111:10
 - (3) The fear of God does not mean that we are shocked, dismayed or overwhelmed by the thought of God.
 - (4) The fear of God is love on its knees.
 - (a) It understands that our God is an awesome, holy God.
- b) People live their lives based on fear every day.
 - i) We fear starvation, so we eat.

- ii) We fear catching a cold, so we wear overcoats.
 - iii) We fear those who may break into our homes, so we lock our doors.
 - iv) We fear being hit by a car, so we look both ways when crossing the street.
 - v) We exercise self-preservation every day in many different ways, but the greatest danger that we can face is the wrath of God against our sin and unbelief.
 - (1) Therefore, any person is wise to be moved with fear to get right with God.
 - (a) Matthew 10:28
 - (b) The supreme danger is to stand before God unpardoned, unforgiven and uncleansed.
 - c) There is something to be warned about, and Noah was moved with fear.
- 4) NOAH AND HIS FORESIGHT (HEBREWS 11:7)
- a) Noah did not wait until it began to rain before he prepared an ark.
 - i) He had foresight; he made preparations.
 - b) You cannot prepare for eternity when you get there.
 - i) You can't prepare when it begins to rain.
 - (1) You can't build the ark then.
 - c) We have a generation today that makes no preparation.
 - i) Matthew 24:37-38
 - (1) Jesus gives us in this passage the marks of the last days.
 - ii) What were the three marks of Noah's day?
 - (1) Indifference
 - (a) Life was just going on.
 - (2) Immorality
 - (a) The way they were living life was a stench to God.
 - (b) Genesis 6
 - (3) Ignorance
 - (a) Matthew 24:39
 - iii) These three marks of Noah's day are the classic three marks of our generation today.
 - d) Noah went against the tide and prepared an ark to the saving of his house.
- 5) NOAH AND HIS FAMILY (HEBREWS 11:7)
- a) The Bible teaches household faith.
 - i) Acts 11:13-14
 - ii) Acts 16:15
 - iii) Acts 16:30-34
 - b) Noah prepared an ark to the saving of his house, which means his family.
 - c) Household faith does not mean that we can believe for our children.
 - i) It means that we need to have some foresight and need to make preparation.

- ii) We need to be concerned for our children, that they are all aboard the ark of safety.
- d) Noah got his family into the ark.

6) NOAH AND HIS FORTUNE (HEBREWS 11:7)

- a) Noah became the heir of righteousness which is by faith.
 - i) Hebrews 11:7
- b) Noah also had a great fortune in other ways.
 - i) While other people were buying, selling, marrying and giving in marriage, Noah was building the ark.
 - ii) Perhaps, Noah put everything he had into the building of the ark.
 - iii) Noah might have been bankrupt as the last nail was driven into the ark.
 - iv) According to this world, Noah and his family went into the ark a pauper; but when he came out of the ark, he owned the whole world.
 - (1) Psalm 37:11
- c) The main thing is not necessarily the real estate that Noah had when he came out of the ark, but that he was an heir of righteousness.
 - i) The things that really mattered to Noah, he gained by faith.

7) CONCLUSION

- a) Are you on board the good ship of grace?
 - i) Is your family on board?
- b) Have you put your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?
- c) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- d) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16