**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
	1. Hebrews 11:7
	2. The devil hates family religion, yet the Bible is full of it.
	3. In the book of Acts when someone was saved, they had a burden for their entire house.
		1. Acts 10:1-11:14
			1. An angel told Cornelius to send for Simon Peter, who would tell him and his household how to be saved.
		2. Acts 16:14-15
			1. A woman named Lydia (the church at Philippi began in her house) believed on the Lord Jesus Christ.
			2. Lydia was saved, and other members of her house were saved and baptized the same day.
		3. Acts 16:27-34
			1. The Philippian jailer asked Paul and Silas what he must do to be saved.
			2. They told him to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and he would be saved and his house.
				1. That is, everyone in his household needed to be saved.
				2. They all received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord and were baptized.
	4. Hebrews 11:7
		1. When Noah prepared the ark, the Bible says that he prepared it to the saving of his house.
			1. All of those in Noah’s family were saved.
			2. They came to know the Lord because of the leadership of their dad.
			3. Genesis 7:1
			4. Noah went into the ark with his wife and his sons and his sons’ wives.
				1. All eight of them were saved.
	5. There is a great emphasis in the Bible on household salvation.
	6. In this message, we will look at how Noah got his family into the ark and how we can get our families into the ark of safety, which is a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ.
	7. Hebrews 11:7
	8. Many people think that the story of Noah and the ark is a fictional story, but it was an actual happening.
		1. All of the great civilizations have a record of the flood.
		2. The Lord Jesus Christ believed in the flood.
			1. Matthew 24:37-39
		3. We have in Genesis 6 a factual happening, but it is also an illustration of salvation and how parents can get their children into the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our ark of safety.
	9. Matthew 24:37
		1. What were the days of Noah like?
			1. Genesis 6:1-3
				1. They disregarded God and went their own sinful way.
				2. There was conflict with the Spirit of God.

The mind of man went against the will and the Spirit of God.

* + - 1. They were days of apostasy.
				1. Genesis 6:1-3
				2. They went against the Spirit of God.
				3. They co-mingled with that which was ungodly.
			2. They were days of anarchy.
				1. Genesis 6:4
				2. The people were not mighty to serve God.

They were mighty to serve wickedness.

* + - * 1. Genesis 6:5-7

God was heartbroken over the sins of this generation.

The anarchy can be summed up in verse 5.

The word “imaginations” does not mean daydreams.

It comes from a Hebrew root word which means “to fashion something as a potter would fashion a vessel.”

There was scheming and philosophizing.

* + - * 1. This was a generation whose heart and mind were set against God.

They fashioned wicked philosophies.

They espoused filthy causes.

They tried to pour society into their mold.

This is exactly what is happening today.

They tried to reshape society.

The same sins that produced the flood in Noah’s day are reaching to Heaven today.

* + - 1. They were days of apathy.
				1. They married and were giving in marriage.
				2. They were buying and selling.
				3. They knew not until the flood came.
				4. This is like our generation.

We have a generation that rolls over and yawns in the face of God.

The pleasure palaces are filled on Sundays.

People are not in the house of God.

They care not for the things of God.

* 1. We are living on the threshold of a greater judgment than what Noah knew.
	2. Our children face the same things that were faced in Noah’s day:
		1. Apostasy
		2. Anarchy
		3. Apathy
			1. These are the marks of the last days.
	3. In the face of all of this, Captain Noah got his kids on board the ark.
	4. In today’s message, we will look at three things concerning Noah’s ark and how it is a picture of salvation.
		1. When we look at the ark, we will see what we have in the Lord Jesus.
		2. This is not happenstance.
			1. Simon Peter clearly tells us in the New Testament that the ark of Noah is a picture, a prophecy, and a type of the Lord Jesus Christ.
				1. 1 Peter 3:20-21
1. the symbolism of the ark (genesis 6:12-16, 21)
	1. Genesis 6:12-14
	2. The substance of the ark:
		1. The ark was made out of gopher wood.
			1. Gopher wood is cypress, which is perhaps the most incorruptible of all of the woods.
		2. The Lord Jesus Christ is pictured in the Bible as a tree.
			1. One who will grow up as a root out of dry ground.
				1. Isaiah 53:2
			2. Psalm 1:3 speaks of the righteous as a tree planted by the rivers of water.
				1. Cypress is a tree planted by rivers of water.
		3. The wood speaks of the humanity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
	3. The safety of the ark:
		1. Genesis 6:14
			1. To “pitch” it means to put tar on the outside and on the inside of the ark.
				1. The tar was called “pitch.”
				2. This was to keep the water out.
		2. The water was God’s judgment.
			1. The pitch would keep the judgment out.
		3. The Hebrew word for “pitch” is translated over seventy times in the Bible as “atonement.”
			1. When the Bible speaks of blood in the Old Testament, it says that the blood will make an atonement for your soul.
				1. We could read it as “the blood will make pitch for your soul.”
		4. God told Noah to build the ark and to put atonement on the outside and on the inside.
			1. The atonement of the blood keeps the judgment out.
			2. Not one drop of judgment can come through this ship.
				1. This pictures the Lord Jesus Christ.
	4. The sufficiency of the ark:
		1. Genesis 6:14-15
		2. Rooms were to be in the ark.
			1. The rooms were for people to stay in.
		3. There was three million cubic feet of space in the ark.
			1. There was room for everything that it was meant to hold.
		4. Today, there is room on board for you.
	5. The shape of the ark:
		1. Genesis 6:15
		2. It didn’t have a prow because it didn’t have a helm.
			1. No human hands steered this ship because it didn’t have a destination.
				1. God was in charge of where that boat went.
		3. It was blunt at both ends.
		4. The dimensions of the ark were the dimensions of an ancient coffin.
			1. We die with Christ that we might live with Him.
		5. When Noah went into the ark, the world that was under judgment was sealed out to Noah, and Noah was sealed into God.
			1. I’m crucified with Christ that I might live with the Lord Jesus Christ.
				1. Galatians 2:20
		6. Ancient people made their coffins out of cypress wood.
	6. The structure of the ark:
		1. Genesis 6:16
		2. The ark had three floors.
			1. This speaks of the humanity of our Lord (body, soul, and spirit) and the tri-unity of His nature (we worship one God in three Persons).
		3. On the side of the ark was a door, and at the top of the ark was a window.
			1. God controlled the door; Noah controlled the window.
			2. God put Noah in the ark, and God shut the door.
			3. Noah was closed in so that the only way he could look was up.
		4. The ark was a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ.
			1. When Noah went into the ark, his view was Heavenward.
			2. We know God through Christ.
				1. When we come into the ark (God brings us in as God controls the door), we can pull back the window and look into the face of God.
			3. God showed Noah that he was no longer to be worldly-minded, but he was to be Heavenly-minded.
				1. He had entered into the Lord Jesus Christ, the ark of safety.
	7. The sustenance of the ark:
		1. Genesis 6:21
		2. When the Lord Jesus saves us, He invites us to His table.
		3. There is shelter and sustenance in the ark.
			1. Not only does Jesus save, but He also satisfies.
	8. The schedule of the ark:
		1. Genesis 8:4
		2. The seventh month on the Jewish calendar is the month of April.
			1. The Ark came to rest on April 17.
				1. This was three days after Passover.
			2. This is resurrection day.
		3. Jesus Christ came out of the grave on the same day that the ark came to rest upon Mt. Ararat.
			1. Jesus stood in resurrection upon the Earth, having gone through the waters of judgment, just as the ark did so long ago.
	9. In the Old Testament, God gave us a picture of the salvation that we have in the Lord Jesus Christ.
	10. Our Lord is seated at the right hand of the Majesty on High, having let the billows of judgment roll over Him.
		1. And He has not lost one who has come to Him.
2. the salvation of the ark (ephesians 2:8-10)
	1. There are three key prepositions in this passage:
		1. By
		2. Through
		3. Unto
			1. By grace, through faith, unto good works.
	2. Salvation is by grace.
		1. Genesis 6:8
			1. This is the first mention of grace in the Bible.
		2. How did Captain Noah and his kids get saved?
			1. By grace.
		3. Grace is God’s incredible and indescribable love that causes Him to love us when we don’t deserve to be loved.
			1. Romans 5:8
		4. Salvation is a covenant of grace.
			1. Genesis 6:18
		5. We are not saved by good works.
			1. We are not saved by joining a church, giving our money, getting baptized, nor by obeying the Ten Commandments.
		6. Salvation is not a reward for the righteous; it is a gift for the guilty.
			1. Noah was not saved because he was a good man.
				1. He was saved by the grace of God.
			2. If you go to Heaven, then it will only be because God and grace have prepared an ark of safety for you, which is the Lord Jesus Christ.
	3. Salvation is through faith.
		1. Hebrews 11:7
			1. By grace was God’s part.
			2. Faith was Noah’s part.
		2. Genesis 7:1
			1. The ark was completed, and the Lord said to Noah, “Come.”
		3. When Noah walked up the gangplank, that was faith.
			1. Faith is the gangplank that gets us on board the good ship Grace.
		4. God gave Noah a picture of grace.
			1. He prepared for Noah an ark of safety.
			2. He wanted Noah to come.
			3. Noah responded, “Just as I am, I come.”
	4. Unto good works.
		1. Genesis 9:1
		2. They were not saved because they were fruitful, multiplied, and replenished the Earth.
			1. They were fruitful, multiplied, and replenished the Earth because they were saved.
		3. Noah was not saved by being fruitful; he was fruitful because he had been saved.
			1. It was unto good works.
		4. Fruit is not the cause of our salvation; it is the sign of our salvation.
			1. We are not saved by faith and works.
			2. We are saved by faith that works.
		5. Noah was so grateful for what God had done for him that he took God at His word to be fruitful and to multiply.
	5. How did Captain Noah get his kids aboard?
		1. Ephesians 2:8-10
3. the security of the ark (genesis 7:1, 16; Ephesians 1:13)
	1. Genesis 7:1, 16
	2. Who sealed the door?
		1. The Lord did.
		2. Noah went in, and God shut the door behind him.
	3. The Bible says that after we believe in the Lord Jesus, then we are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.
		1. Ephesians 1:13
		2. God shuts us in.
	4. Not only did God shut the water out, but God also shut Noah in.
		1. This is the reason we believe in the eternal security of the believer.
	5. God said to Noah, “Come into the ark;” He didn’t say, “Go into the ark.”
		1. What is the difference?
			1. If I say to you, “Go into that room,” then that means I am out here, and you go in there.
			2. But if I say, “Come into this room,” then that means I am in here and to come in with me.
		2. If the ark had gone down, then God would have gone down because God was in the ark.
	6. We lose our salvation when Jesus Christ loses His relationship with the Father because we are in Christ.
		1. 2 Corinthians 5:17
		2. If we are saved, then we are in Christ as Noah was in the ark.
			1. We are shut into Christ, as Noah was shut into that ark.
	7. What if we slip and fall?
		1. Noah may have fallen down many times in the ark, but he never fell out of it.
			1. He could not fall out because God had shut him in.
	8. Some people believe that they will be kept saved by just holding on.
		1. They will say something like, “Pray for me that I will hold out faithful to the end.”
		2. Suppose God had told Noah to put eight pegs on the outside of the ark.
			1. One for Noah, one for Mrs. Noah, and one for each of their sons and their sons’ wives.
			2. When it started to rain, they were to hold onto the pegs.
				1. Their feet would dangle, the water would rise, and it would be rough.
			3. If they could hold on until the water went down, they would be saved.
				1. This is the kind of salvation some people think they have.
		3. Some think that they are saved by holding onto Him, but actually we are saved because He holds onto us.
			1. No one is able to take us from the Father’s hands.
				1. John 10:29
	9. Some believe that they will get eternal security once they go to Heaven.
		1. How do you know you are safe just because you are in Heaven?
			1. The angels fell from Heaven.
		2. Security is not a place; security is in a person, and His name is Jesus.
			1. If you are in Christ, then you are secure.
			2. If you are not in Christ, then whether you are in Heaven above or not, you would not be secure.
4. CONCLUSION
	1. The Bible says that by faith, Noah prepared an ark to the saving of his house.
		1. Hebrews 11:7
	2. Have you led your children to Jesus?
	3. Do you know, not that your child is a church member, but that he knows the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior?
	4. Genesis 7:1
		1. Is all the crew on board?
	5. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
	6. 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.
		1. Romans 3:23
		2. Romans 10:9-10
		3. Romans 10:13
		4. Acts 16:31
		5. John 3:16