

Title : Regardless Faith
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Text : Hebrews 11:6, 7; Genesis 6: 8-22

Hebrews 11:6, 7

6 But 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 diligently seek Him.

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.

Introduction

Men and women were commended for their faith in Hebrews 11.
Everyone faced their challenge differently but God always honored faith.

He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him!
Having faith in God can give you victory over the challenges you may face in life.

Noah was living in a messed up world – “... the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually,”
... but Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. (Genesis 6:5, 8)

- I. He had faith in God for his future (Hebrews 11:7a) regardless:
- All around and ahead was hopeless (Genesis 6:10, 11)

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“And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.”

- God was sending judgement (Genesis 6:13,17)

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“13 And God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. 17 And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die.”

Noah’s faith was in what God said to Him and he kept trusting Him!

II. He had faith in God for his family (Hebrews 11:7a) regardless:

- How other families lived (Matthew 24:38)

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“For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark.”

- Of natural expectation or the norm (Genesis 6:18)

(Genesis 6:18)

“But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark – you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.”

Noah’s faith believed God’s promise for his family and he obeyed to see it happen!

III. He had faith in God against his fears (Hebrews 11:7a) regardless:

- What would others think (Genesis 6:13,14)

(Genesis 6:13, 14)

“And God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. 14 Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch.”

- How will God save (Genesis 6:17,18)

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“And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. 18 But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark – you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.”

Noah’s faith saw the Sovereign and Eternal God who knows what’s best for His created beings that would acknowledge Him!

Conclusion:

Today we can have regardless faith by ... looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith! (Hebrews 12:2)

Jesus says to you; ... (John 15 & 16)

- 15v5 – Abide in Me – bears much fruit
- 15v7 – My words abide in you – ask what you desire and it will be done
- 15v10 – Keep my commandment – you will abide in My love
- 15v11 – I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you – your joy may be full
- 16v33 – These things I have spoken to you, that in me - you may have peace