

**faith Noah, being warned of God of things not yet seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith**

Noah was a man of faith in a very troublous time in the world; it was a time in which the whole world was engulfed in sin, violence, and wickedness, so much so that it kindled God's wrath against all of humanity!

Noah's time seems very similar to the times in which we live.

Genesis 6:5-7

What a terrible determination and sentence from our God & Creator against His highest and most noble creation! Brethren, we were created in the image and likeness of God, which is extraordinary to consider;

Genesis 1:26-28, 3:8

After this one man, Adam fell into sin, with Eve, his wife, it is profound to consider how fast, and how terribly wicked all of humanity became in a very short time. There is no earthly disease or infection so dangerous and deadly as sin is to the soul. It wasn't long until Adam's son (Cain) murdered his brother (Abel). See the exceeding sinfulness of sin in Cain's hatred and malice and violence toward his own brother!

Many expositors estimate that from the creation to the flood of Noah's day approximately 1,700 years had elapsed.

**The sin of man became so very grievous to God, that the Creator now spoke as a God determined to destroy His grandest and most noble creation.**

God determined that He would judge sinful humanity, in which He would wipe them off the face of the earth; but while you are at this moment focused on the judgment of God against sinners, I want you to also consider that God was merciful and longsuffering to those same sinners that He intended to destroy!

God could have said nothing and simply destroyed all of humanity, but He didn't do that; Genesis 6:7:

(V7): I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

But then, there was this ONE MAN in all the wicked world, whose name was Noah, who loved his God and Creator; who worshiped and honored God in a way that was pleasing to Him.

Genesis 6:8: But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD

God's favor was bestowed upon Noah in the midst of the wicked world; he didn't deserve it, and he didn't merit it.

Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5-7

Now when we fast forward to the life of Abraham, in Genesis 18, we KNOW that God will not destroy the righteous with the wicked. Example of Lot in Sodom prior to God destroying those four (4) cities of Sodom, Gomorra, Admah, and Zeboim. And so, God would not destroy Noah with all of the wicked world; and while He would not destroy Noah, He would show that He was longsuffering to the wicked. Romans 9:22-23

**After God had determined to destroy all of humanity, He revealed to Noah, that there would be ONE SAFE PLACE on the entire planet: Genesis 6:9-13**

As soon as God revealed to Noah, the end of all flesh is come before me, He gave Noah the architectural designs for the ark, which, again, would be the ONLY SAFE place from the coming judgment upon all of humanity.

Genesis 6:22: Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he

The ark would be the only safe place to flee from the wrath to come

So, NOW find yourself back to our opening text: Hebrews 11:7, and this is where we find ourselves in Genesis:

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house

**Noah heeded the warning of God!**

I look around and I see most of humanity heeding the warnings of our government and medical doctors in regard to the Coronavirus pandemic; it is because they don't want to be infected by or die because of this virus. I get it; I don't want to be infected by it. I am thankful that our leaders are doing what they can to curb this infection; this invisible enemy.

But let a preacher of the gospel get on national TV and warn all of humanity about the exceeding sinfulness of sin; a sickness far worse than the Coronavirus; let preachers warn the nations of how sin has infected all peoples, and that sin is the reason that the world is filled with violence, hatred, and wickedness, (yes, and even this Coronavirus; and those same preachers will be accused of being lunatics and religious maniacs. Who are you to judge? How dare you call people sinners?

Why is it that people will heed the warnings of their governments and medical doctors about an earthly pandemic, but when society is warned about their sins against a holy God, which is a far worse than the Coronavirus pandemic, they are apathetic, or they mock and turn away their ears from hearing it? Or they hate you for saying it? It is because humanity has believed the lies of the wicked one rather than the truth of God's Word! 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, Isaiah 5:18-20

It was the same way in Noah's day. We understand from the scriptures that all the while that Noah was building the ark; for approximately 100 years, he was also preaching the gospel to the lost.

His message was: Come into the ark and you will be saved from the coming flood and from the wrath of God against us for our sins. Flee into the wrath to come. 1 Peter 3:18-20, 2 Peter 2:4-5

### **Noah was warned of God of things not seen as yet**

In these words, we understand Noah's faith in God! Hebrews 11:1, 6.

The world, at this moment in time has heeded the warnings of men, of things not seen as yet.

They have put their faith in the words of men and women; our nation's governmental leaders; professional doctors and scientists; there's nothing wrong with that; in fact, we should be praying for our leaders and medical professionals as we navigate through this pandemic.

But shall we trust and believe the words of mortal men and women, and will we NOT trust and believe the Words and warnings of our Creator and God? Psalms 118:8-9, Jeremiah 17:5-6

### **Noah moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house**

Most of humanity is at this moment is moving with fear; parents are hunkering down at home, protecting their families against this virus; we are not assembling as a church because we desire to honor the whole counsel of God; including passages in Romans 13, 1 Peter 2, and Titus 3.

But in the Biblical narrative of Noah, we are taught about an infectious disease of the soul that dwarfs the Coronavirus! We are ALL infected by sin from the womb; now, we are the infected and we are the infectors!

As for the Coronavirus, you can stay closed up in your home for the duration of this pandemic and never get it; but there's only one place to be hunkered down and safe from the wrath of God that is coming against the world of the ungodly, and that is in Christ.

In fact, if you would be saved from the wrath of God, you must run toward that same God in repentance and faith! If you would flee from the wrath to come you must run to Christ for mercy and forgiveness, for He is the only One that can save us from the wrath of God which is to come!

Romans 5:6-11, 1 Timothy 1:15, Matthew 1:21

### **Understand today, the exceeding sinfulness of sin:**

It is the worst of diseases because of its symptoms. When we get a virus like the flu or the Coronavirus, we feel terrible; we take the medicines and do everything we can to get rid of these sicknesses.

The problem with sin, in every infected sinner is, the sinner

loves the sickness! The sicker the sinner becomes, the more the sinner wants to become infected by it. Instead of avoiding lust or fornication or lying or malice after being infected by it, we want more of it! Instead of hating our sins, we end up loving the infection that is killing us. Oh can't you see how dangerous sin is to our souls! Sin, in Hebrews 11:25 is called pleasure; Moses would not enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

**There is no doubt in my mind that God has allowed this Coronavirus virus to come into the world, and to run through the earth to get the attention of sinful humanity, and to bring sinners to repentance!**

Can't you see the mercy and longsuffering of God in it? God could have allowed this virus, like many others, to kill us immediately; but He didn't, there's still time and space to repent!

They are saying that this virus originated in one place; the scriptures teach us that sin originated in one man; and it infected us all!

If you would be cleansed and forgiven for all of your sins; if you would have this infection of your soul taken away, you've got to come through One Man for the cure, the Lord Jesus Christ! Romans 5:12, 5:15-21

God is preaching repentance to the world; don't turn a deaf ear to it;

Isaiah 55:6-7