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11:7

Question: How do we know that Noah had faith?

How many people were believers in Noah's day?

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Even though the entire world was set on evil,
Noah was set on righteousness.

Genesis 6

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How easy would it be to participate in sinful behavior when everyone, literally everyone, around you have their heart set on evil?

People often sin with there is increased opportunity to sin, increased popularity of sin, increased expectation to sin, and decreased accountability to avoid sin.

As a Christian, who live by faith and strives to live righteously before God, you are in the minority.

Matthew 7:13-14

“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”

In an evil world, we must remind ourselves that living by faith and living righteously will put us in the minority.

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Genesis 6:9-11

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Everyone in the world was:

- Wicked.
- Every thought was on evil.
- They thought about evil all of the time.
- Violent.
- Corrupt.

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Noah was:

- Blameless (a lack of bad conduct).
- Righteous (a persistence of right conduct).
- Walked with God (obedience to God's commands).

Deuteronomy 5:33

“You shall walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess.”

Genesis 6:13-22

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Genesis 7:1-24

John 10:28-29

“I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.”

Professing Christians who find themselves in disagreement with the Genesis account of Creation or the flood also find themselves in opposition to Jesus Christ Himself.

Matthew 24:37-51

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How should the historical event of the flood, and Noah's faith affect you? *Like Noah, we should:*

- *Continue to have faith in what we cannot see.*
- *Continue to believe that God will judge the wicked.*
- *Continue to believe that God will save those who are in the Son.*
- *Live blamelessly*
- *Live Righteously*
- *Walk with God.*
- *Be a herald of righteousness.*

Series: Hebrews

Sermon: Hebrews 11:7

1. Noah's Ark is often treated as primarily a children's story that deals with cute and cuddly animals being saved.

A. Looking back at your experience with the story were a lot of the key points removed or not emphasized? _____.

B. What are some possible dangers of not emphasizing the main points of the story?

C. Read Hebrews 11:7. Does the author of Hebrews treat Noah's story as containing lessons primarily for children? _____ Who is Noah to be an example for? _____

D. What are some valuable teaching points, in the story of Noah, that are good points of reflection for all believers? Feel free to think over Hebrews 11:7 as well as Genesis 6 and 7 as well.

2. Throughout history, believers have often found themselves outnumbered by the world. Could you imagine being the only Christian family in the entire world? A. What would be some struggles that you might face?

B. Noah was alone (besides his family), yet he was blameless, righteous, walked with God, and a herald of righteousness. Even though the entire world was set on only evil he persevered. Sometimes in life, whether at work, school, family, etc. you may find yourself far outnumbered by ungodly sinful people. How can Noah serve to be an example to you in such a situation?

3. What parallels can you find in 1 Peter 1:3-9 with Noah's salvation and ours?

4. Quickly write down how many animals of each kind went into the ark. _____. Did you get the answer right? See Genesis 7:2. If not you have to eat last. JK