



“By faith the people crossed the sea” - Hebrews 11:29

Scripture: Read Hebrews 11:6-7, Genesis 6:11-7:1

- What does Scripture say about the days of Noah? Conditions that God abhors? Read Genesis 6:11-13, Luke 17:26-27, 1 Peter 3:20 (* Ezekiel 8:17, not in Noah’s day, but as similar condition that provokes God’s anger?)

- “An heir of the righteousness that comes by faith” - Hebrews 11:7. Read the following for similar thoughts: Genesis 15:6, Romans 4:1-12, Philippians 3:7-11

- Hebrews 11:6 equates faith and “drawing near to God” with two conditions? Regarding the latter, consider Matthew 5:12, 2 John 8, Revelation 22:11

Equipping

- Each example of faith throughout Hebrews 11, begins with “By faith ...” The implication is that true, saving faith works in obedience to God. Noah is said to have done “all that God commanded” (Gen. 6:22, 7:5). What would have been difficult for Noah to obey? What keeps us from obeying all that God commands?

- “In reverent fear” Noah obeyed God through his faith (Heb. 11:7). Noah treated God’s calling on him with respect and awe, and in doing so, he demonstrates the trilogy of righteous living; faith, reverence, and obedience. As we reflect on these attributes in our own lives, are we lacking in any one of them? How might we grow in faith? In reverence? In obedience?

- The *Noahic Covenant* - Beginning in Gen. 6:18 - the first mention of “covenant” in Scripture, and then made and explained in Gen. 9:9-17, God established a covenant with Noah, humanity, and all living things. What are the provisions of this covenant? The sign of the covenant? Do these promises impact our faith?

*A*pplication

- Reflecting on the faith of Noah, is there anything you would want to change in your own faith life? Are there opportunities to grow in obedience or reverence? How could you go about experiencing growth in these areas this week?

Lord, may we desire to please you. May we proclaim your existence and may we know that your rewards are great and eternal for all who seek you. May we not be swayed by a corrupt, violent, and unbelieving world, but with a Noah-like faith, may we listen for your calling on our lives and respond in obedience to your call. Amen.