

## **Sovereign Grace Church**

### **“Noah” outline**

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#### **Hebrews 11: 7; Genesis 6**

*As we return to our study of Hebrews 11 we encounter the last of the pre-Flood examples of persons who continued to live by faith in the promises of God despite, at times severe, persecution. Noah was another man who is described as having “walked with God.” However, instead of being translated directly to heaven without seeing death he was graciously enabled to bear up under very difficult circumstances. Both men ended in heaven but God's plan for both was quite different. Most of us would probably prefer to be translated directly to heaven but such is usually not in God's perfect plan.*

*We can learn a lot from considering Noah's life and his persistence in following God despite being ridiculed by most all of those around him. Of course, when the rains started....the ridicule stopped!*

*As Christians we may experience real difficulty and disrespect, or even direct persecution, at the hands of those before whom we live. But as you stand for Christ in a Christ-rejecting culture remember that you stand **IN Christ** (your Ark) as well.*

- 1. God's gracious Warning v. 7a**  
**Gen. 5: 29**
  
- 2. Noah's faithful Response v. 7b**  
**Gen.6: 8-9; Gen. 6: 13-22; Jms 2: 17; II Pet. 2:5; I Cor 1: 18**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3. Results of Noah's Response v. 7c**
  - **Saved his family**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - **Condemned the world Ezk 18:23; II Peter 3: 9**

- **Heir of Righteousness by Faith Phil 3: 4-11; 2: 12b-13**

**Application: Noah, Moses, Baptism and Jesus**

**I Cor. 10: 1-2; I Pet. 3: 20-21; Phil. 3: 10; Matt. 28: 19-20**

### **Questions for both the Contemplative and Conversational Life**

- 1. Put yourself in Noah's place. The flood has not happened yet and God's revelation has not proceeded past Genesis 5. He tells you to build an Ark in the middle of Iowa. How do you think others will perceive it? Do you think you would do it? Now fast-forward to today with a completed Bible....God burdens you to vocally inform the very next person you meet to repent of his sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. Do you do it? Why is it we tend to be more responsive to building an Ark than the simple matter of informing someone of their peril and their one true Hope for deliverance?**
- 2. What do you think it might have been like to be one of Noah's sons or daughters-in-law? What does it indicate about their faith? What are some of the difficulties of being raised in, or raising, a family whose calling runs the risk of cultural seclusion or even persecution? How does family make it more difficult to minister in a high-risk area? How might it make it easier? What was Paul's perspective? (I Cor. 7)**
- 3. Do you think most Christian's lives today have the same effect on the people around them as Noah's life had on the people around him? Why might this not be the case? How might it be corrected?**
- 4. How are Moses, Noah, Baptism and Jesus all related? Which are the representors and what is the represented? Why do the Scriptures sometimes speak of baptism as if it has the power to actually save? Does it? Would you rather write an 15 page essay defending your view or live a life that clearly manifests your thinking?**