

Sermon Discussion Questions — July 10, 2016

Genesis 6:5-22, Hebrews 11:7 | Noah: Faith to Believe and Obey

- A. The ESSENCE of FAITH (vs. 7a — *being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen*)
1. What is the connection between this verse and *Hebrews 11:1*?
 2. In what way is faith “blind”?
 3. Is such “blind” faith without compelling evidence? What evidence or rationale did God provide Noah in *Genesis 5:11-22*.
 4. Noah received both “general” and “special” revelation from God. In what ways is faith based on a response to revelation?
 5. How is God’s revelation of Himself summarized in *Hebrews 1:1-3*?
 6. Reflect and discuss Dr. Bob Yarborough’s statement in last week’s sermon: So what is faith? Faith is lived out confidence in what God prescribes and promises. It is the conviction borne out by action that something we can’t see is what matters most in all we do. Faith is the knowledge that God is life’s biggest reality, and we approach him on his terms and let him transform us in the course of time.
- B. The ENEMY of FAITH (vs. 7b — *in reverent fear constructed an ark*)
1. What is *reverent* fear?
 2. What is “carnal” fear?
 3. How is “carnal” fear the enemy of *reverent* fear? (see *Mark 4:35-41*)
 4. Give some examples of things that might cause “carnal fear” in Noah (i.e., the mocking of his friends, that he would appear foolish, etc.). Share one example of a “carnal fear” that you battle? Where is this fear ultimately rooted? Do you believe that “pride and unbelief” are at the root of all sin?
- C. The EVIDENCE of FAITH (vs. 7c — *constructed an ark*)
1. Faith requires an object. Do you agree that “a little faith in the right object is much better than a lot of faith in the wrong object”?
 2. What is the object of Noah’s faith? Of your faith?
 3. Discuss the classic Reformed theology affirmation: “we are saved by faith alone but not by a faith that is alone.”
 4. Discuss the statement: “You can have outward obedience without faith but you cannot have faith without outward obedience.”
 5. In what ways was Noah’s (and our) faith costly, unpopular, and sustained?
- D. The END RESULT of faith (vs. 7d — *by this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith*)
1. In what way did Noah *condemn the world*? In what way does your faith do this?
 2. In what way did Noah *become an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith*?
 3. In what way do you *become an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith*?
 4. In what way does the gospel address and defeat the following fears that many Christians battle: God’s condemnation, tithing, witnessing, the future, and death?