



Hebrews 11:7

By Faith Noah Heeded God's Warning Sun, Oct 12th 2008

The End is Near

- With all that is happening in world...some proclaiming, many wondering

Part of the problem – such predictions have come and gone many times.

- People have been saying it for so long...and have been wrong

Question – what children's book has been playing out in these wrong predictions

- Has it been **Chicken Little – the Sky is falling**
 - Hit by acorn, assumes worst, convince others–wolf takes advantage
- Has it been **the boy who cried wolf**
 - Wrong, even playing so long – when real comes – don't believe
- Tell you clearly – it is the later...

Is the end near?

- Hear me clearly....I don't know.
- Talked about last week with Enoch – could be today...or 300 years
- But this is what I want you to know...the ends is coming...maybe today

How does your heart respond to that? How about your life?

- Do you believe it? Do you expect it? How?

This morning, will look at one who heard and believed exactly such news - Noah

- Let's turn to Genesis and get a brief overview of what we know of Noah
- There are three fact filled chapters...so just going to overview

I. Meet Noah

1. Noah's Times

- a. Perverse sexually (6:1-4)
- b. Filled with violence (6:11)
- c. Corrupt through & through (6:12)
- d. Thoughts continually evil (6:5)

2. Noah builds the Ark

- a. God explains why (6:13)
- b. God tells him what-God's idea (6:14)
- c. God tells him how (6:15-21)
- d. Noah did it all (6:22)
- e. Took 120 years (6:3)
- f. Noah built...and preached (2 Pet 2:5)

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5. Much more we could say...want you to know that this happened

- a. This is not a fairytale, this is history, true
- b. Lots more details could go into...but what is it God wants us to see today

II. Noah's Revelation

1. Was Divine – God showing this

- a. This is important – what matters is what God says
- b. Reason there have been so many “cry wolf” wrongly – gone beyond
- c. Doesn't matter what I say, or anyone else says – but what God says

2. Was things not seen...by any

- a. There had never been then or since or will be– a global flood
 - i) Is why God gave us a rainbow – reminder that rain is not a global flood
- b. Very possible that there had never even been rain
 - i) Is a debated point among Bible students and Biblical scientist
 - ii) Gen 1:6-7 – water above – a water vapor canopy perhaps
 - iii) Gen 2:5-6- never rained, watered by a vapor
- c. Point – Noah was told of something nobody had ever seen
 - i) Imagine that for a moment – 120 years....
- d. Same scoffing attitude is here today 2 Pet 3:3-7
 - i) In similar way to Noah – we are told of something we have never seen
 - ii) A coming destruction – that is complete
 - iii) 2 Pet 3:7,10; Ps 102:25-26; Isa 51:6; Mat 24:35

3. Question for you today: Do you believe God's revelation of what not seen?

- a. You really are in the same place as Noah....
- b. None of us have had to believe this for 120 years...
- c. Noah took God at his word.

III. Noah's Response

1. Inner response – Godly fear
 - a. *Gives a right perspective*
 - b. *Gives a firm purpose*
2. Outer response – built the ark
 - a. *He obeyed God – by faith*
 - b. *He obeyed for a long time*

IV. Noah's Reward

1. Temporally-Diffused God's Knowledge
 - a. Your obedience makes their disobedience stand out
2. Eternally- Inherited Righteousness

Conclusion

Are you righteous? His – by Grace?

- Ark as a picture of God's salvation in Christ

Are you responding this day like Noah?

- Do you believe the end is coming
- Is it impacting your life
- End will come
- Fix our eyes on Him, on what cannot pass away