

Hebrews 11:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Analysis

Noah 'warned of God of things not yet seen' (the flood) responded with faith by building an ark. His faith was demonstrated by obedience to God's warning over decades despite no visible evidence. 'By the which he condemned the world' means his obedient faith stood as judgment on unbelief around him. He 'became heir of the righteousness which is by faith,' showing that even before Abraham, righteousness came through faith.

Historical Context

Noah built the ark for perhaps 100 years (Genesis 6-7) while preaching righteousness (2 Peter 2:5) to a scoffing world. His faith saved his family while judgment fell on unbelief.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. Are you willing to obey God's word even when you cannot see the reason or result?
2. How does your faithful obedience serve as testimony against the unbelief around you?

Interlinear Text

πίστιν χρηματισθεὶς Νῶε περὶ τῶν μηδέπω βλεπομένων
By faith being warned of God Noah of G3588 as yet seen
G4102 G5537 G3575 G4012 G3369 G991

εὐλαβηθεὶς κατεσκεύασεν κιβωτὸν εἰς σωτηρίαν τοῦ
moved with fear prepared an ark to the saving G3588
G2125 G2680 G2787 G1519 G4991

οἴκου αὐτοῦ δι' ἣς κατέκρινεν τὸν κόσμον καὶ
house G846 by the which he condemned G3588 the world and
G3624 G1223 G3739 G2632 G2889 G2532

τῆς κατὰ πίστιν δικαιοσύνης ἐγένετο κληρονόμος
G3588 which is by By faith of the righteousness became heir
G2596 G4102 G1343 G1096 G2818

Additional Cross-References

1 Peter 3:20 (References God): Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

Romans 4:13 (Faith): For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Ezekiel 14:14 (Righteousness): Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.

Luke 17:26 (Parallel theme): And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

Ezekiel 14:20 (Righteousness): Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

Proverbs 27:12 (Parallel theme): A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.

Romans 3:22 (Faith): Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Matthew 3:7 (Parallel theme): But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Genesis 7:23 (Parallel theme): And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

Galatians 5:5 (Faith): For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.