

Learning from Noah

I. Introduction

- A. The familiar account of Noah contains numerous lessons for us to learn from. Consider five specific points brought out in the NT connected to what the OT reveals about Noah and the ark. **Genesis 6:5-8**

II. ...About Judgment Day

- A. Matthew 24 notes the suddenness of Judgment Day, and uses the days of Noah to illustrate this. Just as many in Noah's day were "living normal life" when the flood came, the same will be true about the Lord's return. **Matthew 24:37-39**
- B. This demonstrates the need to be ever ready for the Day of Judgment, lest that Day come on us in the way the flood came upon the vast majority of those living during Noah's day. **Matthew 24:42-44; Genesis 7:23**

III. ...About Being Righteous Amid Unrighteousness

- A. Noah also provides a great example of living righteously in the midst of *unrighteousness*. Though the world was so full of wickedness that only eight souls were preserved through the flood, this didn't stop Noah from being who *he* needed to be. Though the world today is full of immorality, we, like Noah, can choose a different path. **Genesis 6:9; 1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 2:5**

IV. ...About God's Faithfulness

- A. The key point in the 2 Peter 2 passage has to do with God's faithfulness to take care of the righteous. As the Lord proved with both the flood and the preservation of Noah, He "knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment." **2 Peter 2:9; Genesis 6:3; 8:1**

V. ...About Baptism

- A. The NT also teaches a lesson about baptism, using Noah's salvation through water as an example. The salvation and cleansing from sin that takes place when one is scripturally baptized is illustrated by Noah. **1 Peter 3:20; Acts 22:16**

VI. ...About Faith

- A. Noah is also included in the "cloud of witnesses" who walked by faith when tested. **Hebrews 11:7**
- B. Noah was "warned about things not yet seen," and believed God, showing what it means to walk by faith rather than by sight. **Hebrews 11:1**
- C. Noah was also "moved with godly fear," demonstrating the reverence that is appropriate to have toward God's Word. **Hebrews 12:28**
- D. Moreover, Noah "prepared a ship," showing that his faith led him to *do* what God asked of him. **Genesis 6:22; 7:5**

VII. Conclusion

- A. No matter the wickedness of those around us, Noah shows us that it's possible to walk by faith in preparation for the judgment to come. Those who do so can trust that they, like Noah, will find favor in the eyes of the LORD. **Genesis 6:8**