



**Big Idea: The warning of the Gospel demands the response of faith.**

### 1.) Noah and the Ark prefigure the **GOSPEL**

-- Noah and the Ark are lesser types of Christ and the church.

**a.) Both Jesus and Noah are described as righteous men through whom God brings salvation** (Genesis 6:9, Romans 5:17-19, 1 John 2:1).

**b.) Both carry out God's salvific purposes alone.**

-- The Genesis account gives no hint that Noah received help from anyone (other than God) (Genesis 6:22).

-- In this, Noah points ahead to Christ, who accomplishes the work of redemption alone (1 Peter 2:24, Acts 4:12).

**c.) Each saves only his own **HOUSEHOLD****

-- Only Noah and his immediate family were saved in the Ark (v. 7, Genesis 7:7, 1 Peter 3:20).

-- Only those in the household of Christ will be saved in the end (Hebrews 2:10-11, 3:6).

-- Just as Noah built one Ark with one door, so Christ builds one church with one way in (Genesis 6:16, John 10:9).

**d.) Both preached a warning from God that was ignored by the world.**

-- Those who failed to heed Noah's preaching were lost forever (Genesis 7:23, 2 Peter 2:5).

-- Those who do not listen to Jesus will also be lost – forever separated from God. (John 3:18-19).

-- The message Noah preached by faith informs our own proclamation of the Gospel.

### 2.) Our message begins with a **WARNING**

-- It is a warning from God (v. 7a, Genesis 6:13).

-- It is a warning about the future (v. 7b).

- There is an unavoidable judgment yet to come (Revelation 20:11-15, 2 Peter 3:10-12)
- In carrying forward the Gospel, God would have us warn the world (Ezekiel 3:17-19).

### 3.) This warning demands a **RESPONSE** (v. 7c).

- Noah's response to God's clear warning was to believe what God said and respond in awe of Him.
  - Reverent fear is the response of faith for everyone who takes God at His Word.
  - Reverent fear of authority in general (and of God in particular) is rapidly losing ground in our culture (Psalm 36:1-2).
- Perhaps more than anything else, the world needs to **FEAR** the Lord (Proverbs 9:10, 14:26-27).
  - Noah's message was not a take-it-or-leave-it proposition.
  - In the same way, the cross of Christ is the one and only refuge from God's coming wrath.
- Therefore, we **IMPLORE** the world to heed God's warning.
  - Our message of warning ought to inspire reverent fear of the Lord.
  - Micah 6:9, 2 Corinthians 5:11, 2 Corinthians 5:20

### 4.) The only right response is **FAITH** (v. 7d)

- Noah's faith is seen in his tremendous response to God's warning.
- Noah proved that he believed what God said about the future, by doing what God commanded in the present.
- A life of faith is measured by works of faith, not mere words.

## Conclusion

- *What difference do God's warnings make in our daily lives?*
- Living by faith means living each moment as if Christ were **COMING** in the next.
- *What difference do God's warnings make in our message?*
- Noah and the Ark are given by God to point our hearts to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.